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"BRUCE WAYNE'S  
AUNT AGATHA!"

WHY, BRUCE WAYNE--  
WHATEVER ARE YOU  
DOING IN THAT  
COSTUME, STRIKING  
THOSE YOUNG MEN?

DIAMONDS!



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**R**IVER OF ROMANCE IS THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, WITH ITS PART OF GREAT STEAM-BOATS AND RAFTS, AND ABOVE ALL, THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOATS THAT PLIED ITS WATERS!

BUT THE RIVER HAS RASCALS AS WELL AS ROMANCE, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND WHEN A STRANGE AND DRAMATIC SEARCH TAKES THEM AWAY FROM GOTHAM CITY TO BATTLE AGAINST THOSE PIRATES OF THE PAST, THE...

**"RIVER ROGUES"**

FULL STEAM AHEAD, ROBIN... OR THE SHOW-BOAT IS LOST!

AYE, AYE, BATMAN!

A CENTURY AGO, ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE BIGGEST EVENT IN ANY TOWN WAS WHEN A CERTAIN BOAT ARRIVED...

THE SHOW-BOAT'S COMING! HURRAY!

THAT NIGHT, AS AN EXCITED AUDIENCE JAMPACKS THE THEATRE CRAFT...

LOOK, ROBIN! MASKED MEN AT NIGHT MEAN CRIME IN ANY CENTURY!

LUCKY WE SPOTTED THEM IN TIME TO SWITCH TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!

BATMAN AND ROBIN BACK HERE IN THE YEAR 1854? HOW CAN THIS BE?

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BUT THE DUO GO INTO ACTION WITH THE SAME FLASHING SWIFTNESS AS IN 1954!





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NOW LET US LOOK AHEAD TO 1954,  
WHEN A SENSATIONAL PIECE  
OF HISTORY CAME SUDDENLY TO  
LIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY...

GOTHAM CITY'S LEADING PICTURE PAPER  
**Gotham Gazette**

## GORDON ANCESTOR REVEALED AS CRIMINAL



POLICE COMMISSIONER'S  
GREAT-GRANDFATHER  
INVOLVED IN CENTURY-  
OLD CRIME WAVE ON  
THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

John Gordon  
Central Figure  
of the River  
Bandit Crimes!

YES-- SOME  
ENEMY OF MINE  
DUG THIS UP TO  
MAKE ME THE  
LAUGHING-STOCK!  
I'LL HAVE TO  
RESIGN AS  
POLICE  
COMMISSIONER!

YOU CAN'T DO  
THAT! THERE  
MUST BE SOME  
EXPLANATION!  
AND ROBIN  
AND I WILL  
FIND IT!

AND TO DO  
SO, WE'LL  
HAVE TO GO  
BACK TO  
1854!

SO AS THEY  
HAD DONE  
BEFORE,  
BRUCE WAYNE AND  
DICK GRAYSON  
(SECRETLY BATMAN  
AND ROBIN)  
VISITED THEIR  
FRIEND, PROFESSOR  
CARTER NICHOLS,  
WHOSE HYPNOTISM  
HURLED THEM  
BACK INTO  
THE  
PAST...

BACK THROUGH  
THE TIME-BARRIER--  
BACK TO  
1854--

THAT WAS WHAT HAD TRANSPURRED,  
AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE PRESENT  
SITUATION...

WELL, IT  
SEEMS ODD  
YOUR SHOW-  
BOAT IS  
ALWAYS NEAR  
THESE  
ROBBERIES!

ROBIN, IT DOES  
SOUND SUSPICIOUS!  
WE'RE GOING WITH  
THE SHOWBOAT TO  
INVESTIGATE -- AS  
BRUCE WAYNE AND  
DICK GRAYSON!

A QUICK  
CHANGE IN A  
SHADOWY  
CORNER-- AND  
THE PAIR  
AUDITION FOR  
CAPTAIN  
JOHN  
GORDON...

HOW'S  
THIS FOR AN  
ACROBATIC  
ACT, CAP'N?

SPLENDID!  
THIS IS  
BAIRD HAWES,  
MY DIRECTOR--  
HE'LL GIVE  
YOU A SPOT  
IN THE  
SHOW!





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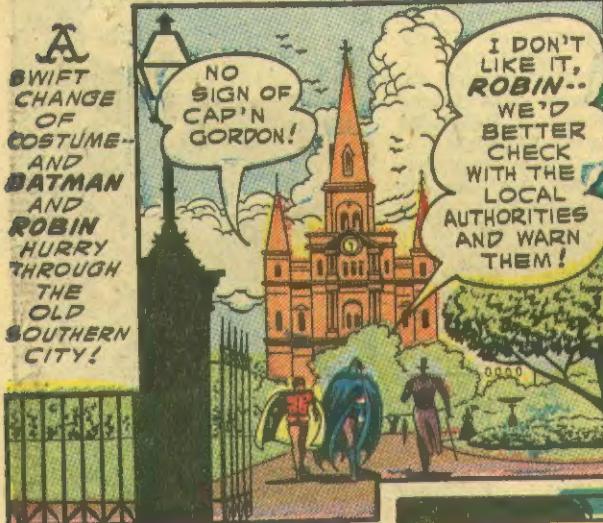
THUS WHEN THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOAT GLIDES DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, IT CARRIES TWO 20TH CENTURY DETECTIVES BENT ON SOLVING A SINISTER RIDDLE!



NEXT STOP, NEW ORLEANS, AND A SPECTACULAR NEW ACT OPENS THE "RIVER QUEEN'S" SHOW!

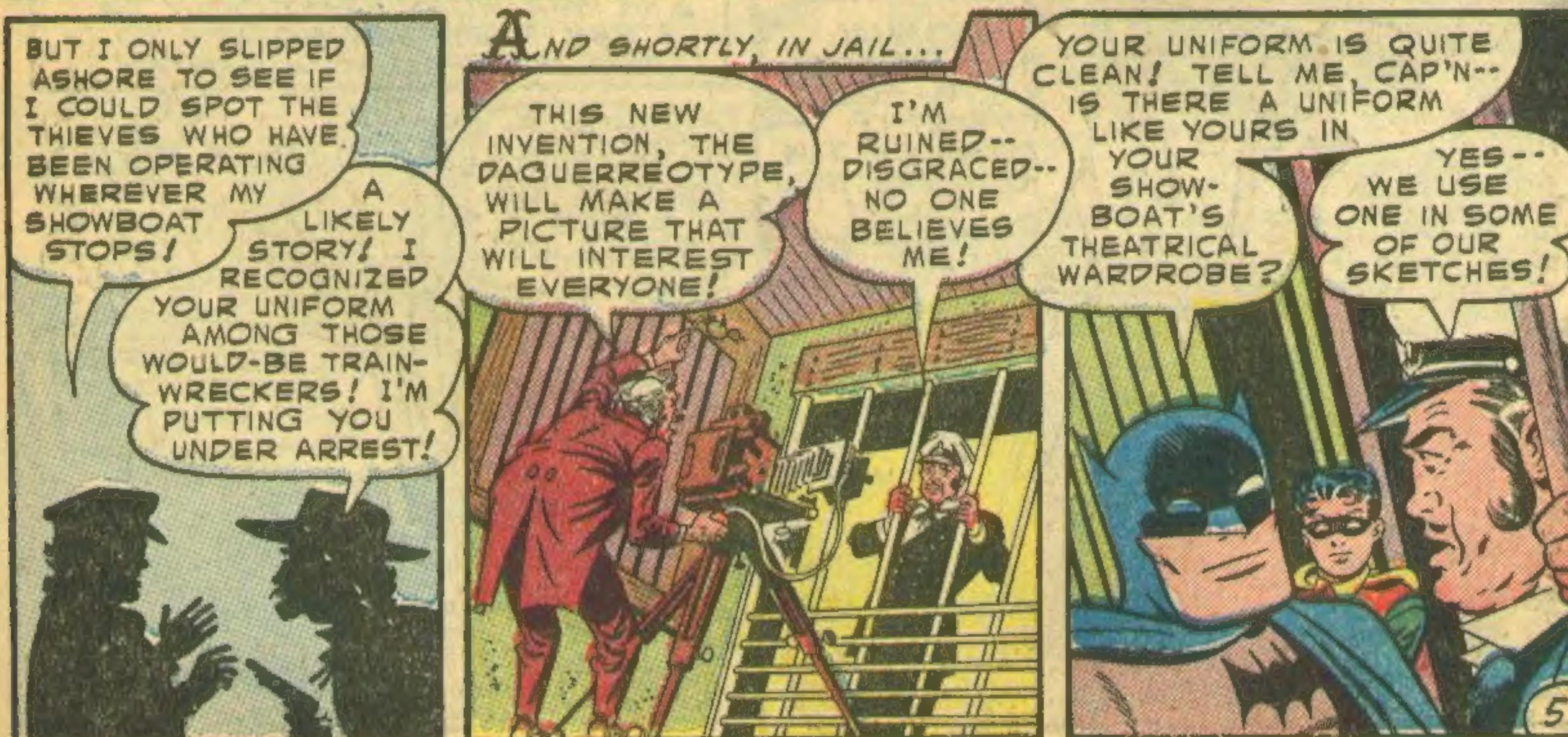
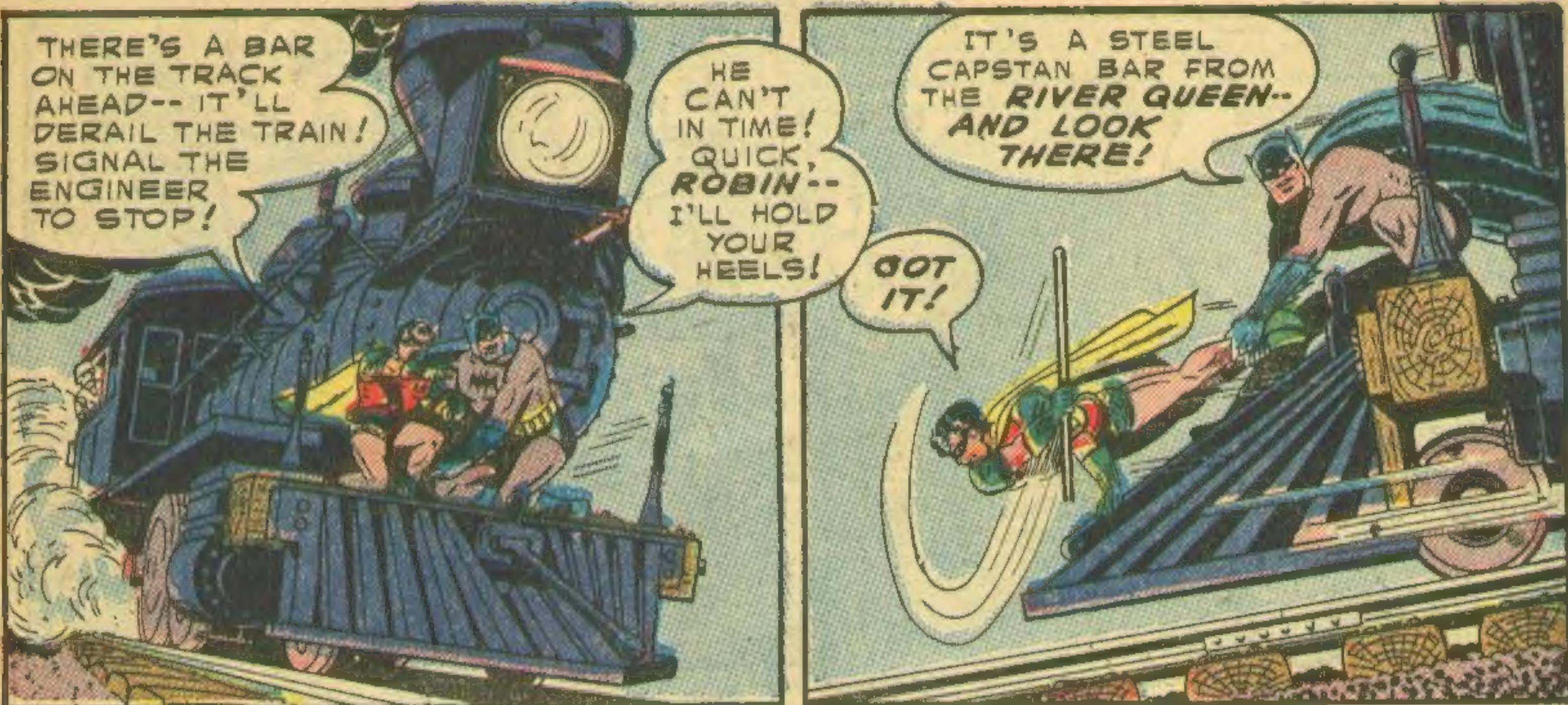


A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME -- AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HURRY THROUGH THE OLD SOUTHERN CITY!





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BACK AT THE DOCK, A WATCHMAN SUPPLIES SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

...YES, I SAW THE SHOWBOAT CAPTAIN GO BACK ABOARD AN HOUR AGO! I WAS SURPRISED HE DIDN'T STAY ASHORE FOR THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE!

BATMAN, GORDON DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE BOAT, SO SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING HIM! LET'S LOOK AT THE WARDROBE!

THIS UNIFORM HAS THREADS OF SPANISH MOSS CLINGING TO IT--LIKE THAT ON THE TREES THE TRAIN-WRECKERS FLED INTO! AND THERE WASN'T ANY MOSS ON GORDON!

THEN SOMEONE ON THE SHOWBOAT IS BEHIND THE CRIMES--AND WORE THIS TO CAST BLAME ON GORDON! BUT WHO?

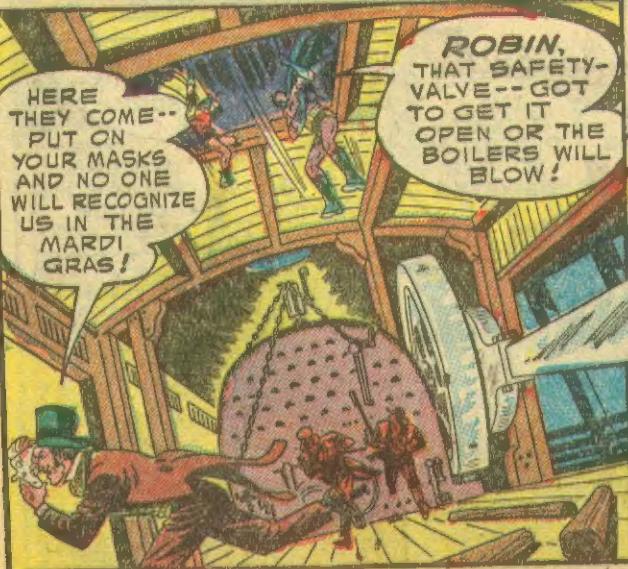
THIS COSTUME WAS ALTERED TO FIT A TALL MAN! THE ACTORS COULDN'T GET OFF THE BOAT DURING THE SHOW! ONLY ONE TALL MAN IN THE TROUPE HAD ACCESS TO THIS AND COULD LEAVE UNNOTICED!

BAIRD HAWES-- THE DIRECTOR! IT MUST BE!

BUT, AT THIS MOMENT IN THE BOILER ROOM BELOW...

WHEN I SAW THOSE TWO SNOOPERS, I KNEW THEY'D FIND OUT ABOUT ME! WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FAST, MAKING SURE THEY CAN'T FOLLOW!

WE FIRED THE BOILERS TO THE LIMIT-- AND FASTENED DOWN THIS SAFETY-VALVE! THE RIVER QUEEN WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS WITH THEM ABOARD!

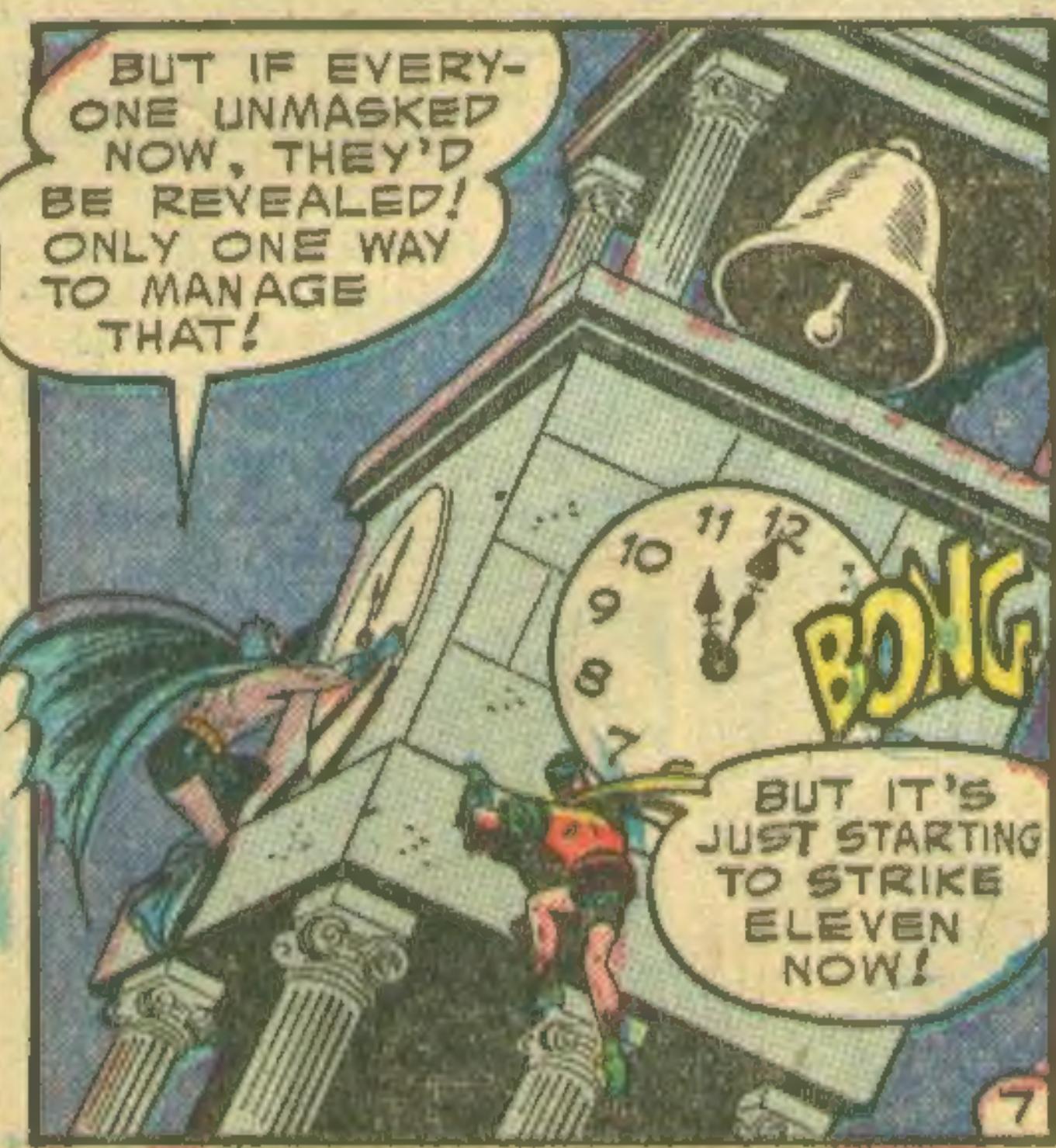
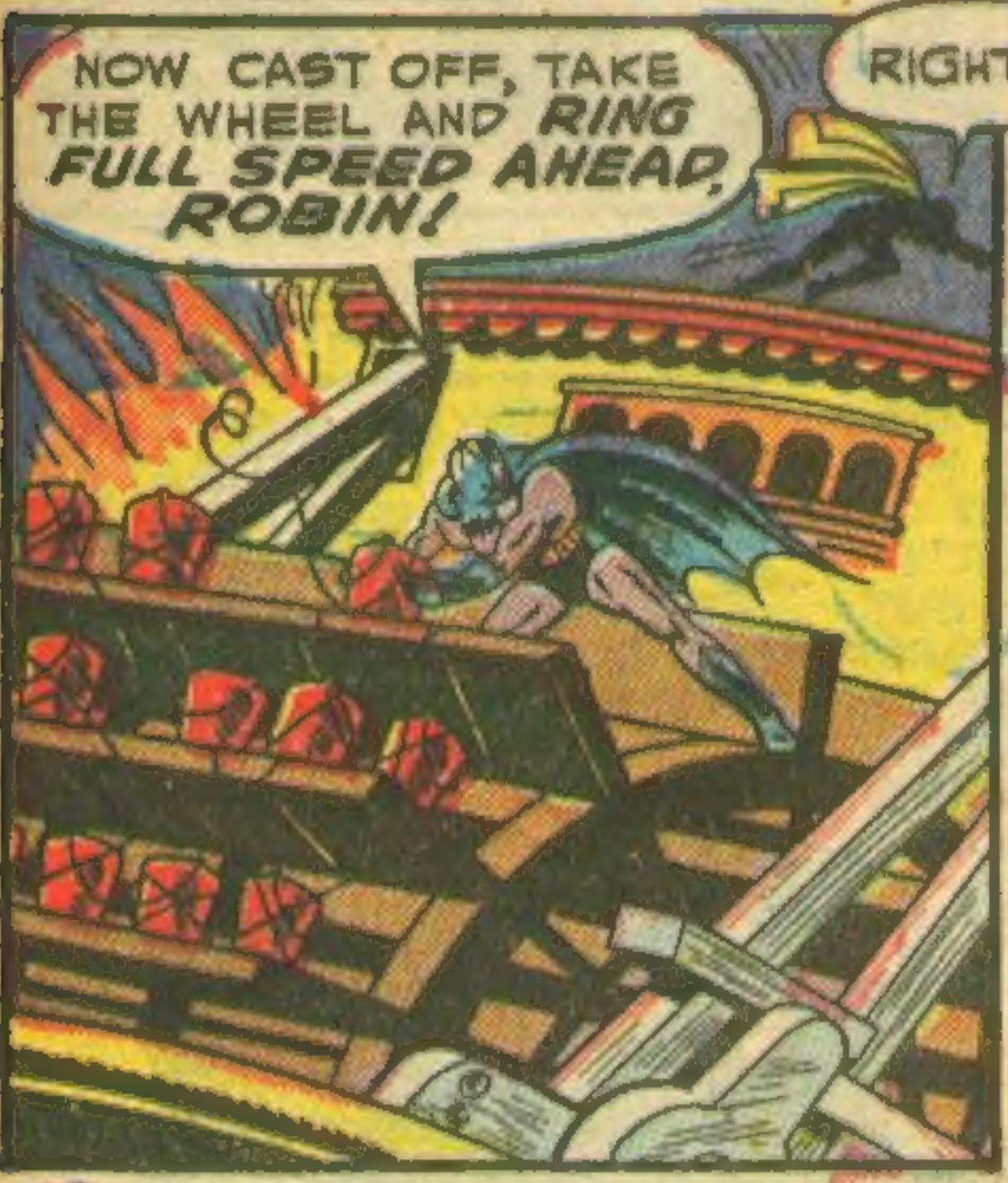
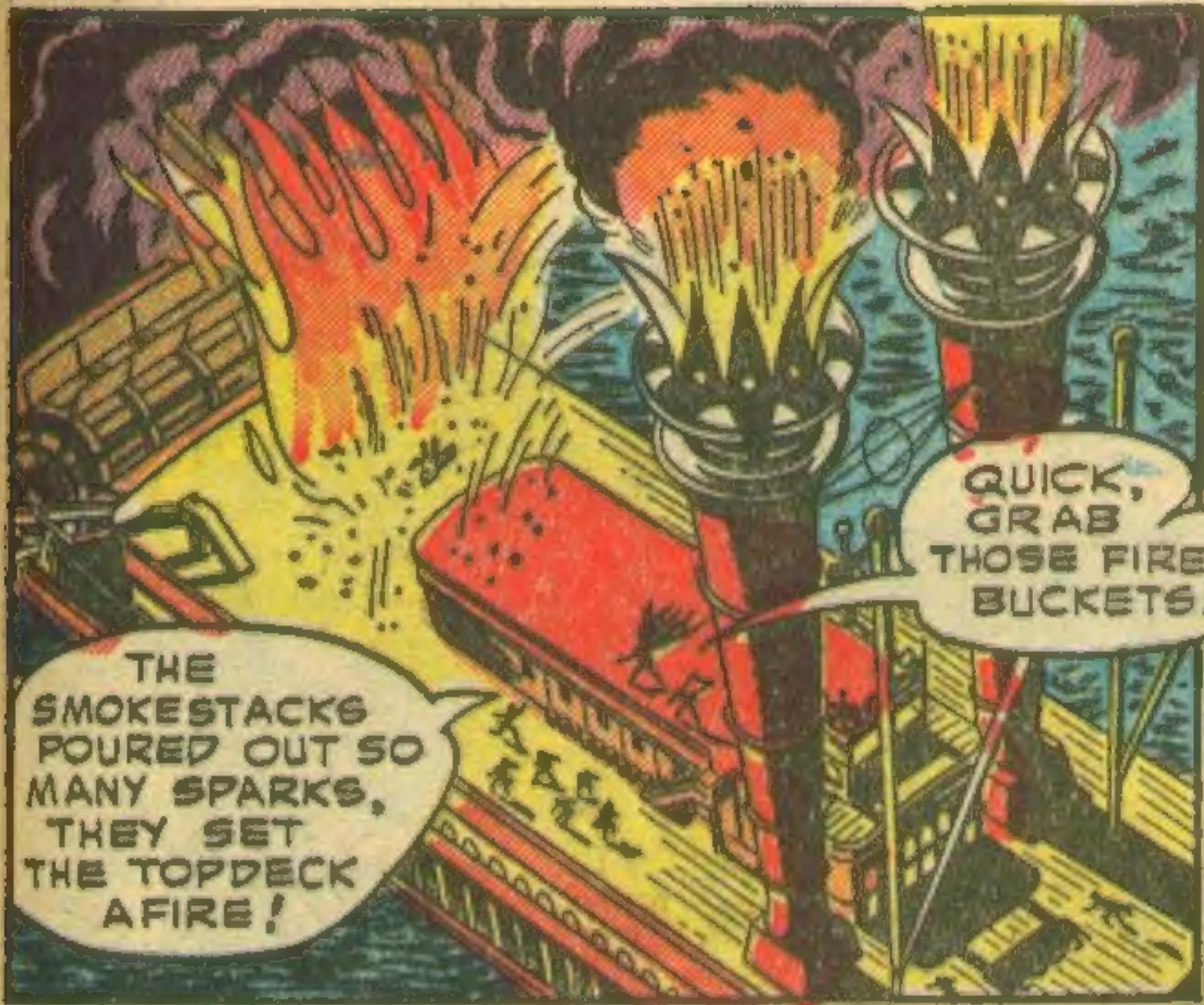


THE PAIR WORK FRANTICALLY AS STEAM-PRESSURE MOUNTS TO CLIMAX IN APPALLING DISASTER...

GOT IT AT LAST--THAT'LL RELIEVE THE STEAM PRESSURE!

FIRE ON THE TOP DECK!

THE OVERFIRED BOILERS MUST HAVE STARTED A BLAZE UP THERE!



**B**UT AS ELEVEN GREAT NOTES PEAL OUT, THE BATMAN ADDS SOMETHING...

BY HITTING THE BELL WITH YOUR BATARANG, YOU SOUNDED A TWELFTH NOTE! THEY'LL THINK IT'S MIDNIGHT!

**BONG!**

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER--BUT RIGHT NOW EVERYONE'S UNMASKING, AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT!

**L**ATER, AN INNOCENT MAN'S NAME IS CLEARED!

**B**UT THOSE WHO REMAIN MASKED SUDDENLY ARE MARKED MEN!

THANKS FOR MAKING IT SO EASY TO IDENTIFY YOU--!

I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS IN MY OFFICE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT!

**BATMAN**--  
(WHISPER)--WE'D BETTER LEAVE! I CAN FEEL PROFESSOR NICHOLS' HYPNOTIC EFFECT WEARING OFF!

RIVER GAZETTE  
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED

**A**ND SOON AFTER FLASHING BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER TO GOTHAM CITY IN 1854...

...SO THE 1854 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED PROOF OF MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S INNOCENCE--BUT THOSE NEWSPAPER FILES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CIVIL WAR! WE STILL HAVE NO PROOF!

MAYBE WE DO-- DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S SHOWBOAT WAS PRESERVED AS A MUSEUM? LET'S GO THERE!

**A**ND AT THE GLAMOROUS OLD RELIC OF THE RIVER!

THERE'S NOTHING HERE, BATMAN!

THIS PANELLING ISN'T THE ORIGINAL WALL OF THIS OFFICE! I--ER--HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT! I'LL REMOVE IT WITHOUT DAMAGING IT--

**T**HERE IT IS-- ABSOLUTE PROOF OF CAP'N JOHN GORDON'S INNOCENCE! ONLY YOU TWO COULD HAVE FOUND IT-- BUT HOW?

THAT'S A PROFESSIONAL SECRET--AND ANYWAY, I'M AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU!

RIVER GAZETTE  
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED

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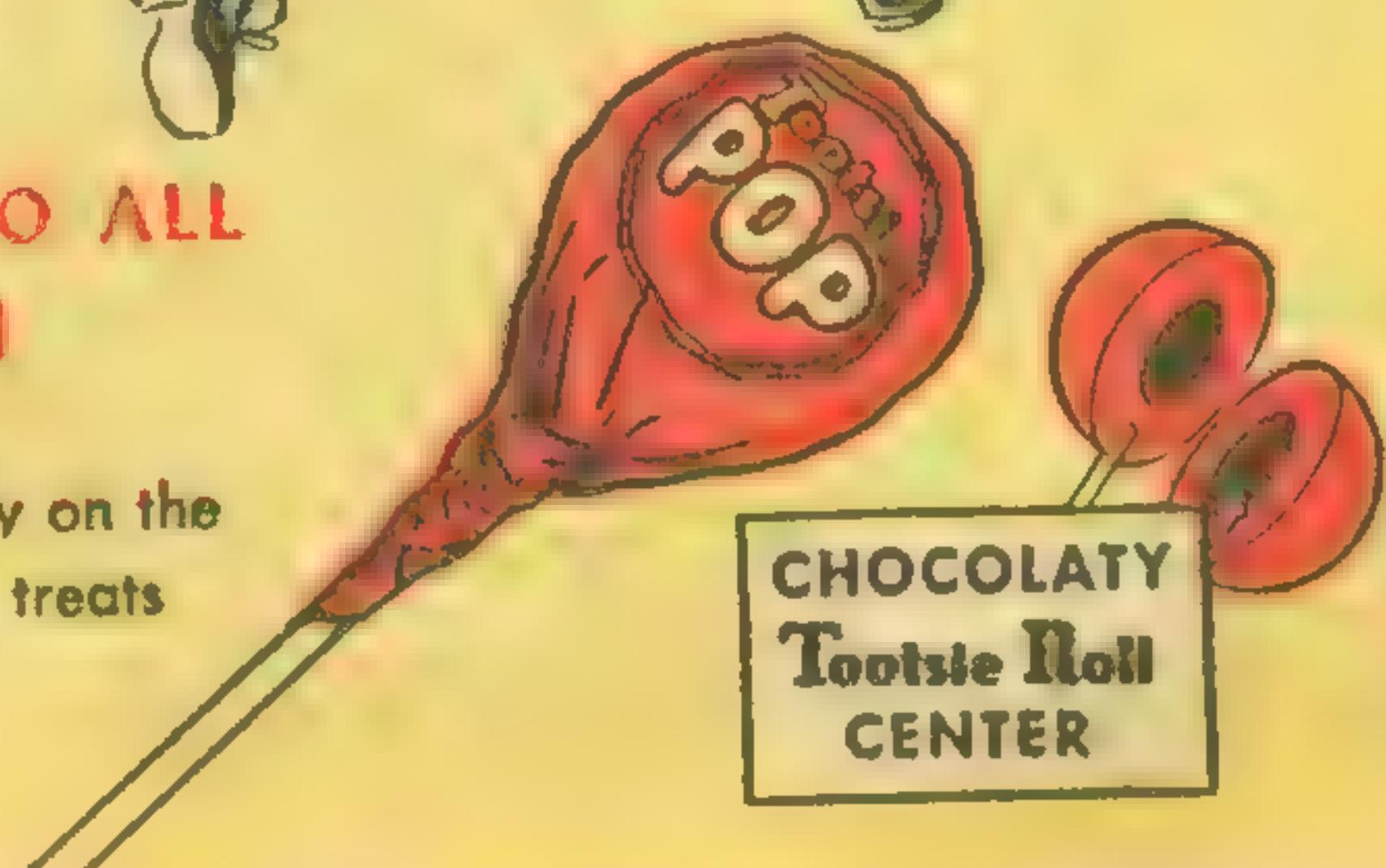
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## BATMAN ROBIN



BOB  
KANE

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD ARE FAMOUS IN HISTORY... THE PYRAMIDS, THE LEANING TOWER, AND ALL THE OTHER GREAT MARVELS! BUT THERE ARE ALSO SINISTER MARVELS THAT ARE FAMOUS IN CRIMINAL HISTORY--THE MOST AWESOME AND DANGEROUS DEVICES OF CRIME EVER CREATED! AND BATMAN FINDS THAT ONE OF THESE DEVICES IS A DEADLY DANGER TO HIMSELF, WHEN HE AND ROBIN BATTLE TO PROTECT GOTHAM CITY FROM...

### The SEVEN WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!

NEAR GOTHAM CITY, A ROBBER-BARON OF MODERN CRIME HAS ACQUIRED A TRULY BARONIAL DWELLING...

YES, A MILLIONAIRE WHO LIKED OLD CASTLES BUILT THIS PLACE-- AND WHEN HE DIED, VINCE VARDEN BOUGHT IT FOR HIS HIDEOUT!

I CAN SEE WHY! PULL THIS DRAW-BRIDGE UP, AND VINCE WON'T BE BOTHERED BY SNOOPERS!

BUT VINCE VARDEN, UNDERWORLD LEADER, HAS BEEN SLIPPING LATELY...

WHERE ARE THE BOYS, WEEDY? I SENT WORD FOR THEM TO COME AND HEAR THE JOBS I'VE PLANNED!

VINCE, THE MOB WON'T FOLLOW YOU NO MORE! THEY SAY YOUR METHODS ARE OLD-FASHIONED... THAT YOU'RE FINISHED AS A LEADER!



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SO I'M THROUGH, AM I? I'LL SHOW THEM -- AND ALL GOTHAM CITY -- SOME REALLY HISTORIC CRIMES! THEY'LL SOON BEG TO COME BACK TO ME!

S-SURE, BOSS... T-TAKE IT EASY!

SOON, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, VARDEN'S AGENTS COMB THE CRIMINAL HAUNTS OF A DOZEN NATIONS...

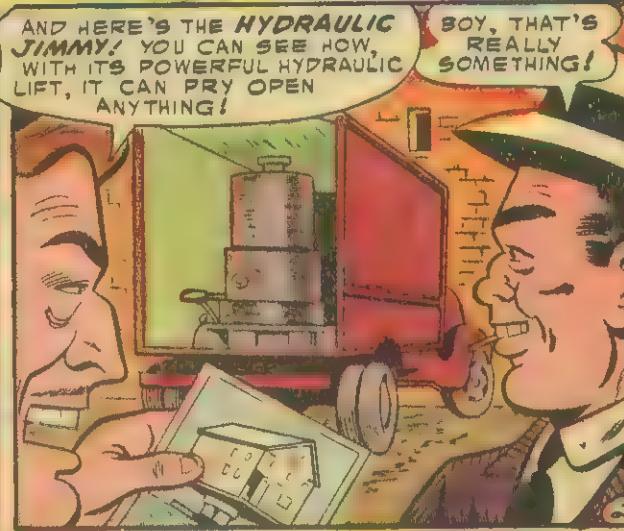
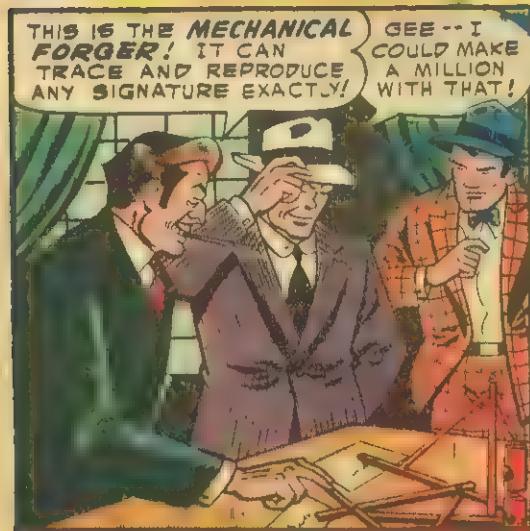
MY EMPLOYER WANTS TO BUY YOUR FAMOUS CRIME-INVENTION -- THE ONE THAT WAS USED TO STEAL THE CROWN JEWELS!

HE CAN HAVE IT--IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

AND BEFORE LONG, FROM HOME AND ABROAD, MYSTERIOUS CRATES AND PACKING CASES CONVERGE ON A CRIME-KING'S CASTLE...

INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT-- HA! I WONDER WHAT'S REALLY INSIDE?

WE'LL KNOW TONIGHT! VINCE HAS INVITED EVERYBODY IN THE UNDERWORLD TO AN EXHIBITION!



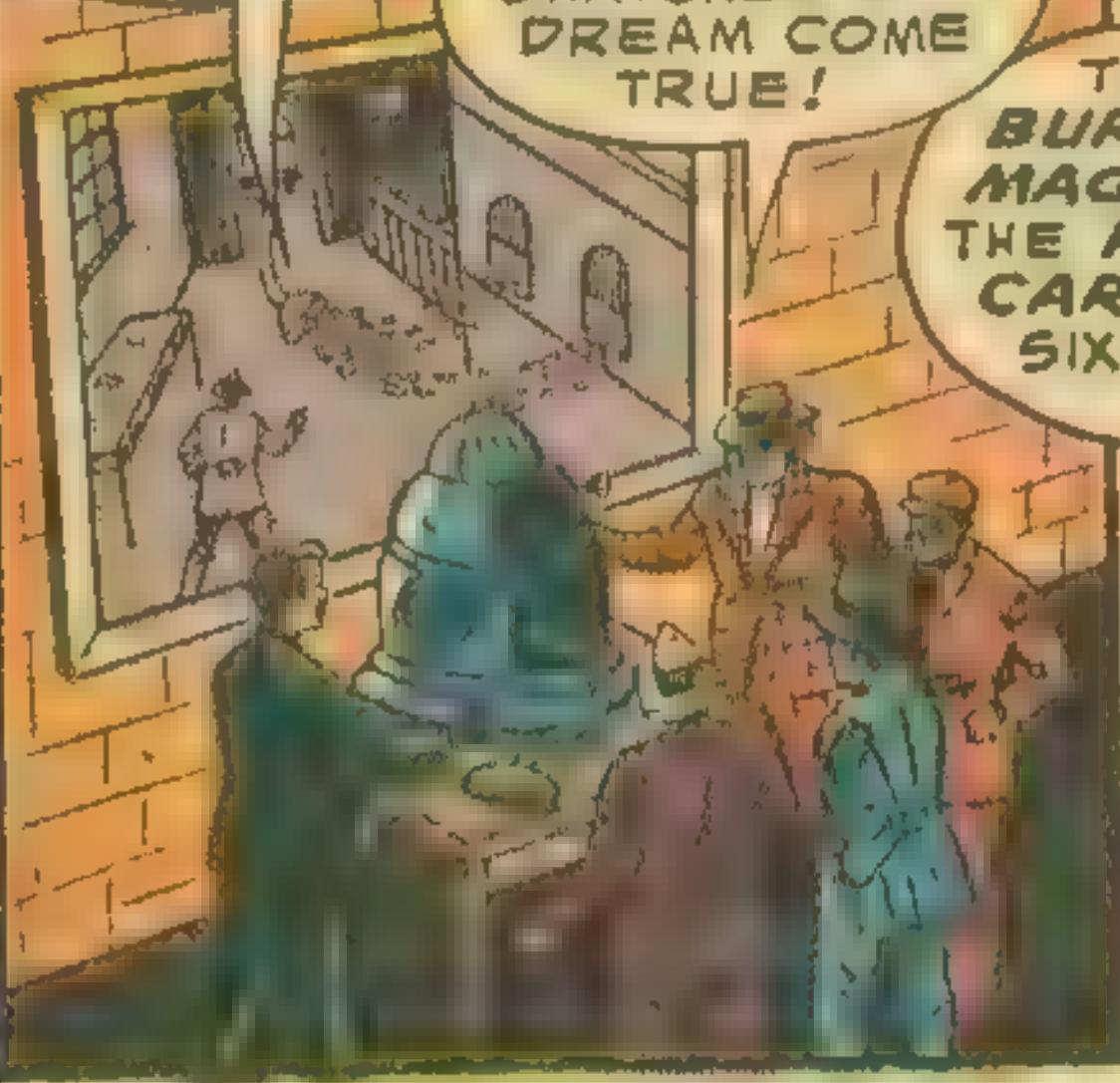


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AND THE VACUUM THIEF, WHOSE TERRIFIC SUCTION CAN GRAB UP LOOSE PAPER MONEY FROM ANYWHERE!

LIKE A MONEY-SNATCHER'S DREAM COME TRUE!



GREEDY CROOKS ARE DAZZLED BY THREE MORE WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD--BUT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> WONDER REMAINS A MYSTERY...

THE SECOND-STORY BURGLAR MACHINE, THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER, THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR... BUT THAT'S ONLY SIX, VINCE! WHERE'S THE 7<sup>TH</sup>?



IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A TANK OF GAS! WHAT IS IT--POISON GAS?

RIGHT HERE--AND IT'S THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE COLLECTION!

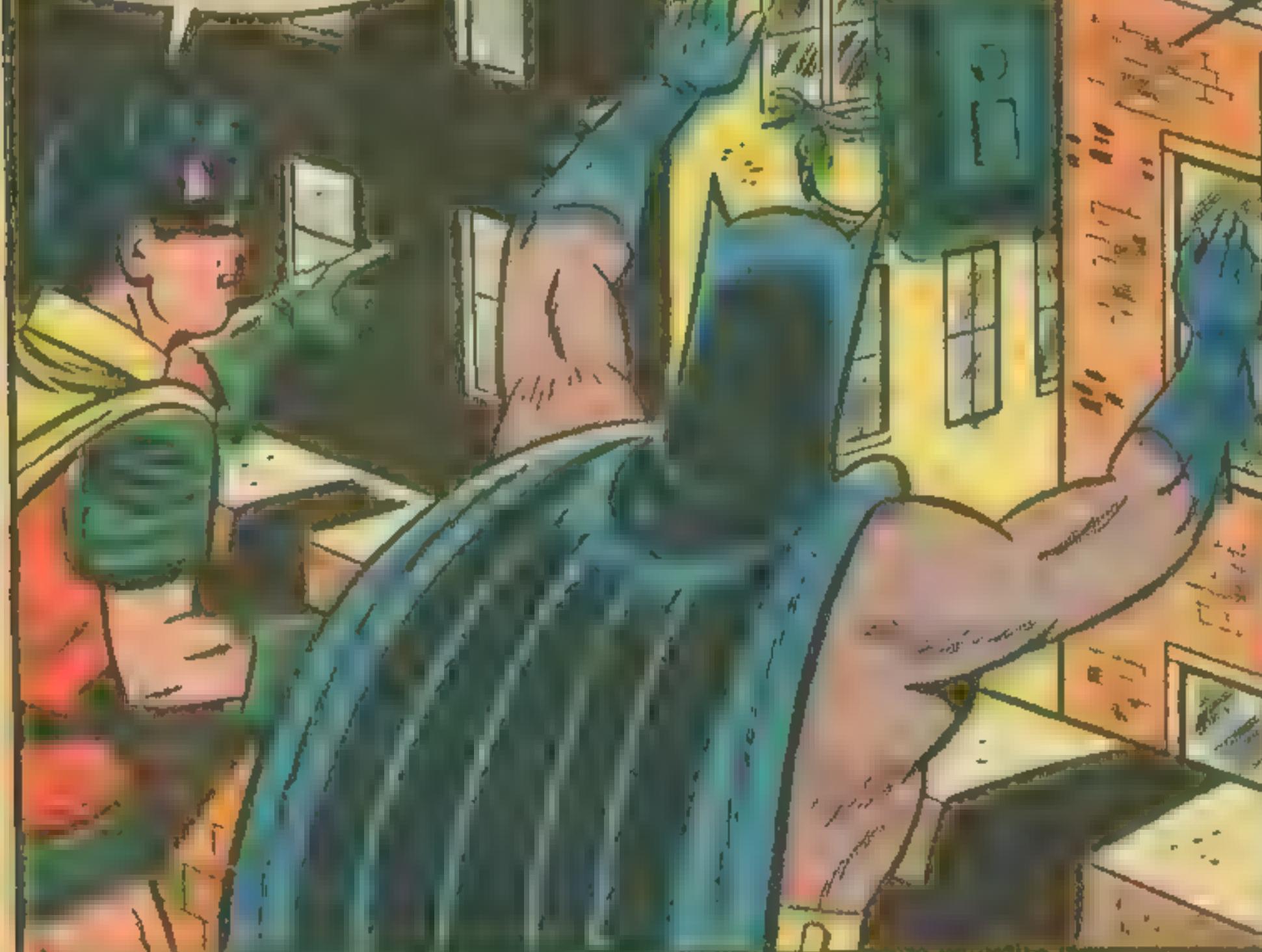
NO, IT'S PERFECTLY HARMLESS TO PEOPLE--YET IT WILL END THE CAREERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN! A MASTER-CHEMIST DEVISED IT FOR JUST THAT ONE PURPOSE!

HOW CAN SOMETHING ENTIRELY HARMLESS DOOM BATMAN AND ROBIN? IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE--AND YET... WHO KNOWS?

MEANWHILE, AS THE CAPE CRIME-BUSTERS MAKE THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL, UNAWARE OF THE INGENIOUS MENACES THAT NOW THREATEN GOTHAM CITY...

EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET, YET THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF EXCITEMENT IN THE UNDERWORLD THAT I DON'T LIKE!

A TANK-LIKE MACHINE THAT EXTENDS STEEL ARMS WITH HOOKS ABOVE IT, AND CLIMBS UP BUILDINGS THAT WAY!



RACING ACROSS ROOFTOPS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON BEHOLD AN AMAZING SIGHT...

BATMAN, LOOK! IT'S INCREDIBLE--LIKE A GIANT INSECT CRAWLING UP THE BLAINE BUILDING!

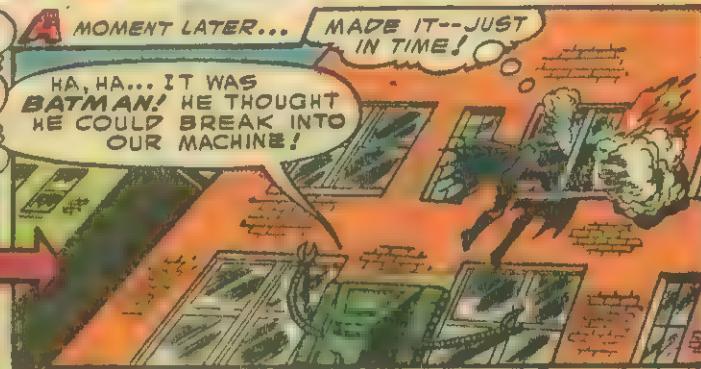
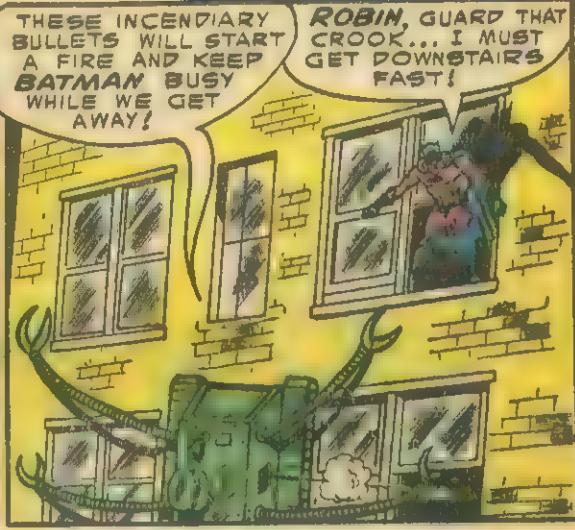
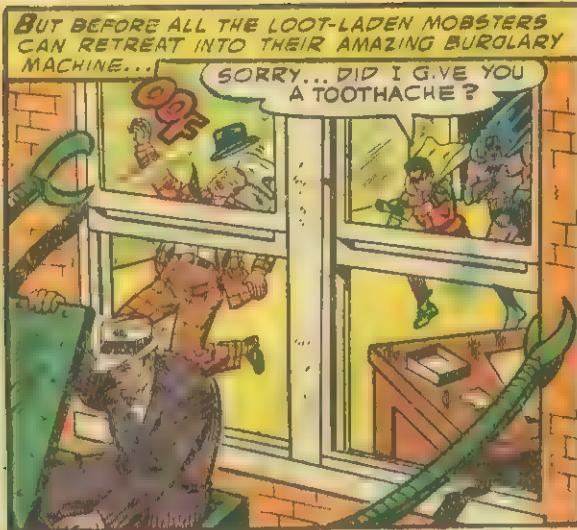
IT'S STOPPING AT THE WINDOW OF THE DENTAL GOLD COMPANY! QUICK--WE CAN SWING ACROSS TO THAT OPEN HALL-WINDOW NEAR IT!

WITH LONG-PRACTICED SKILL, THE DUO UNCOILS STRONG SILK ROPES AND FLASH ACROSS.

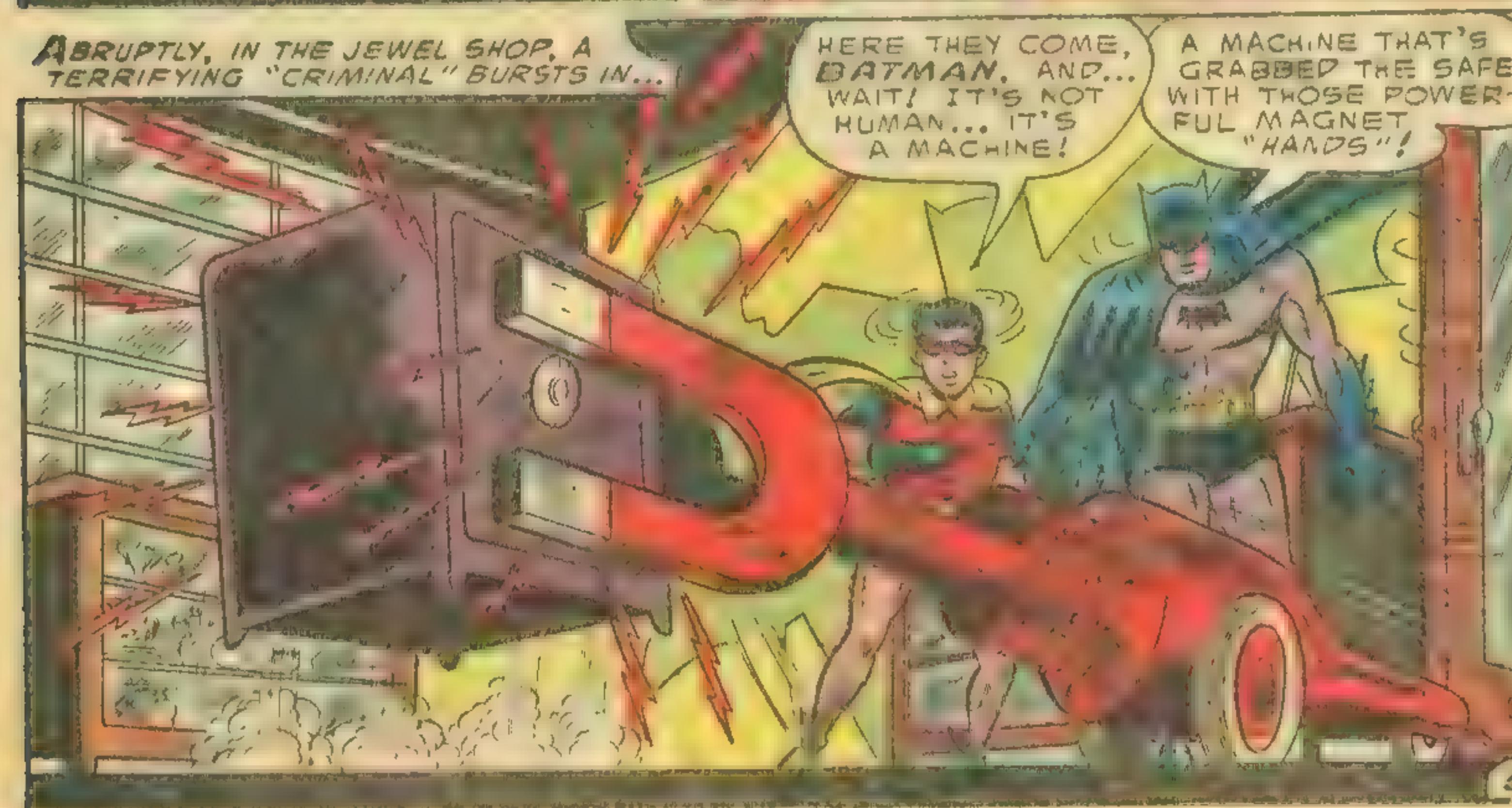
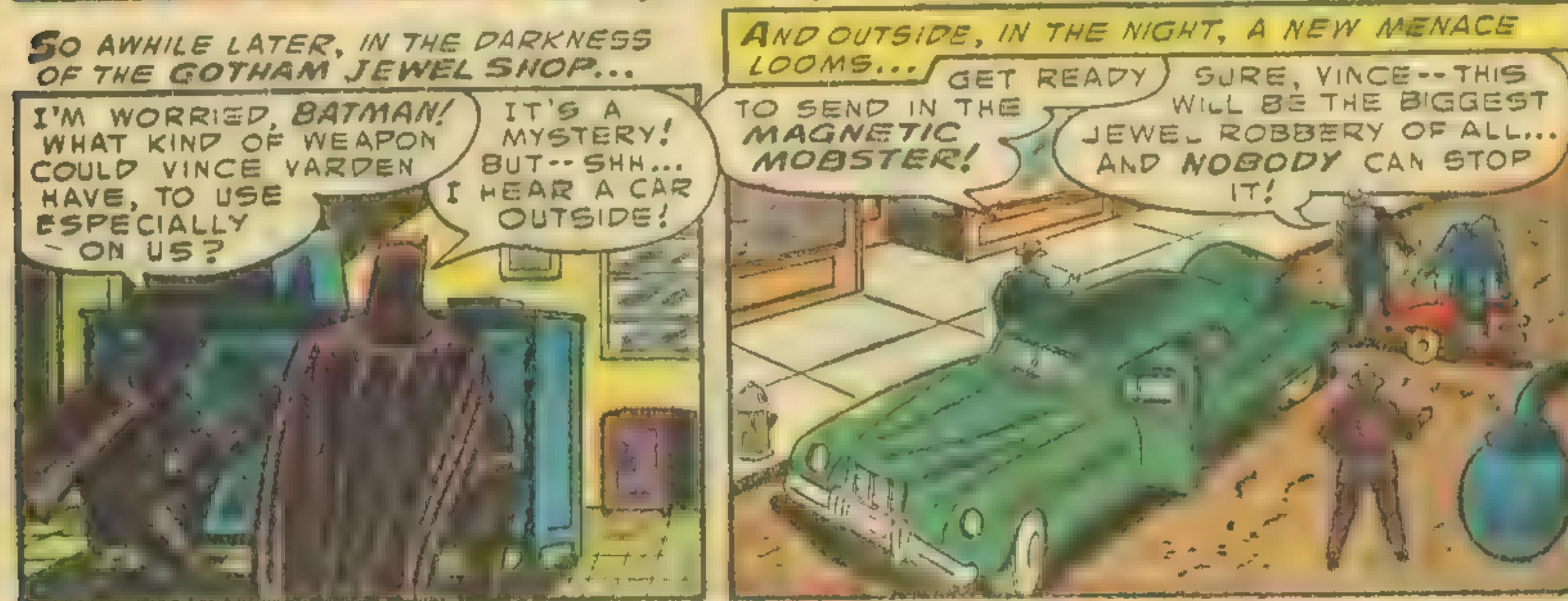
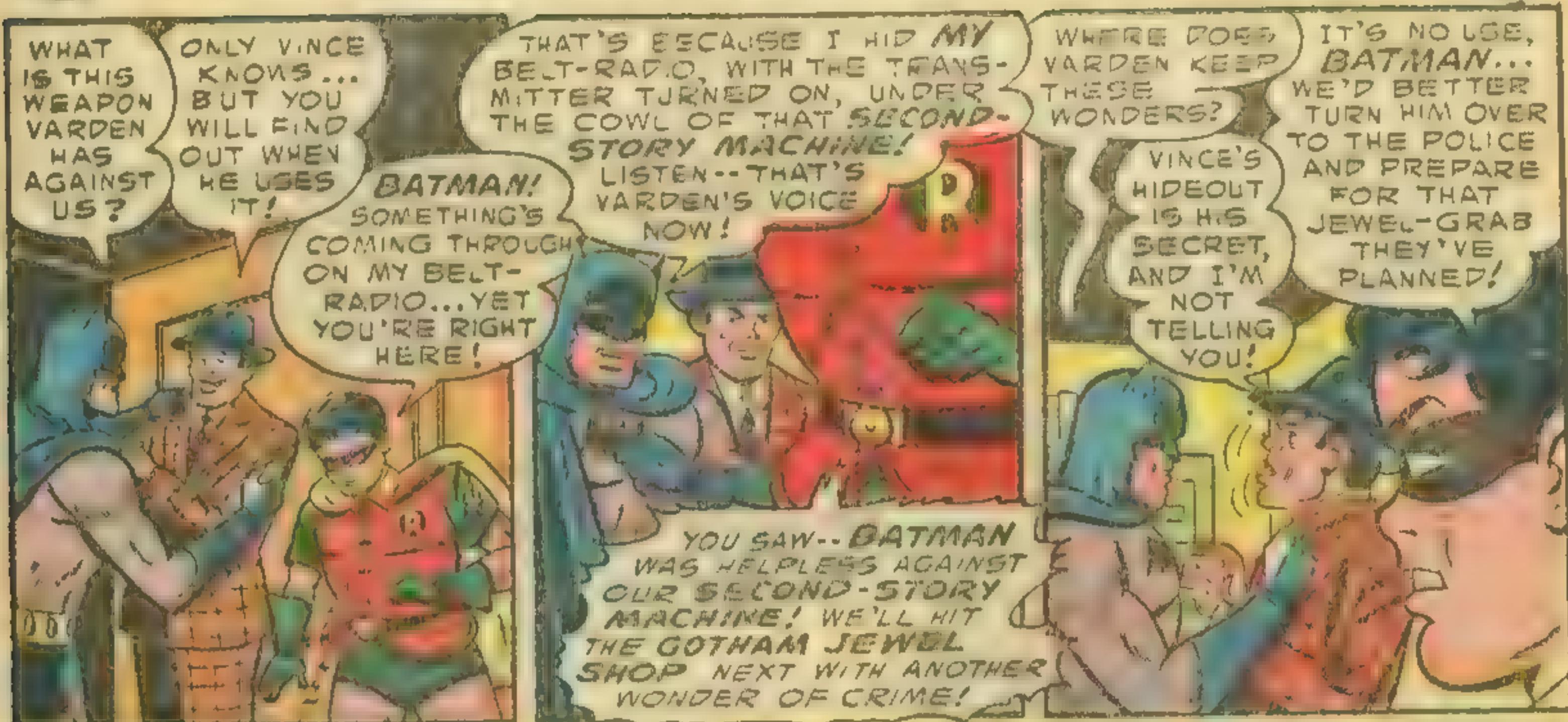
GET BACK INTO THE MACHINE WITH WHATEVER GOLD YOU'VE GOT! BATMAN'S COMING!



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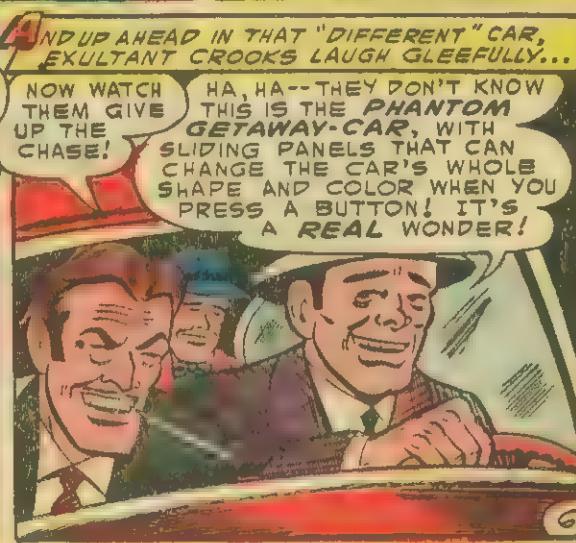
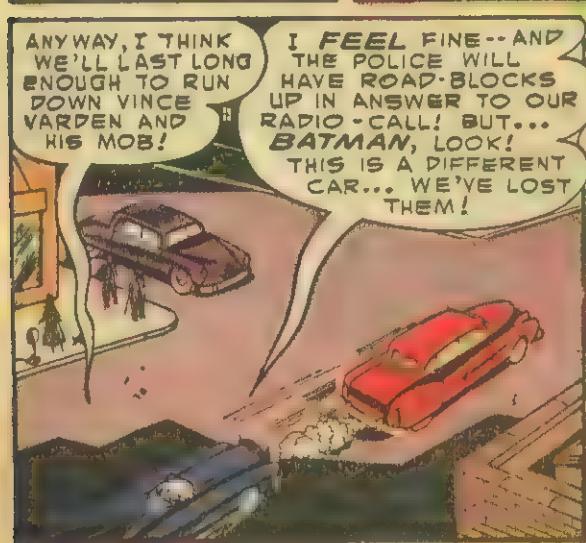
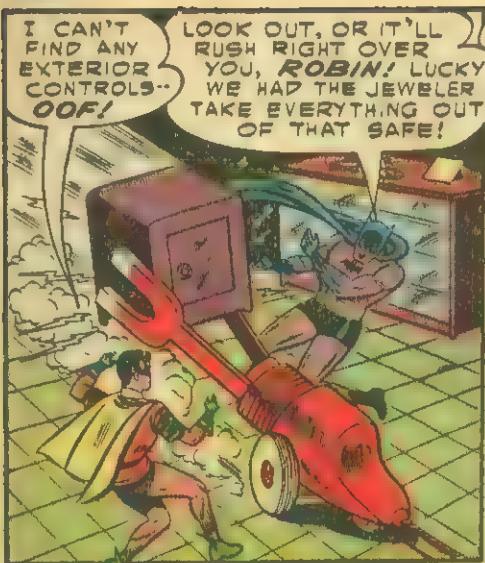


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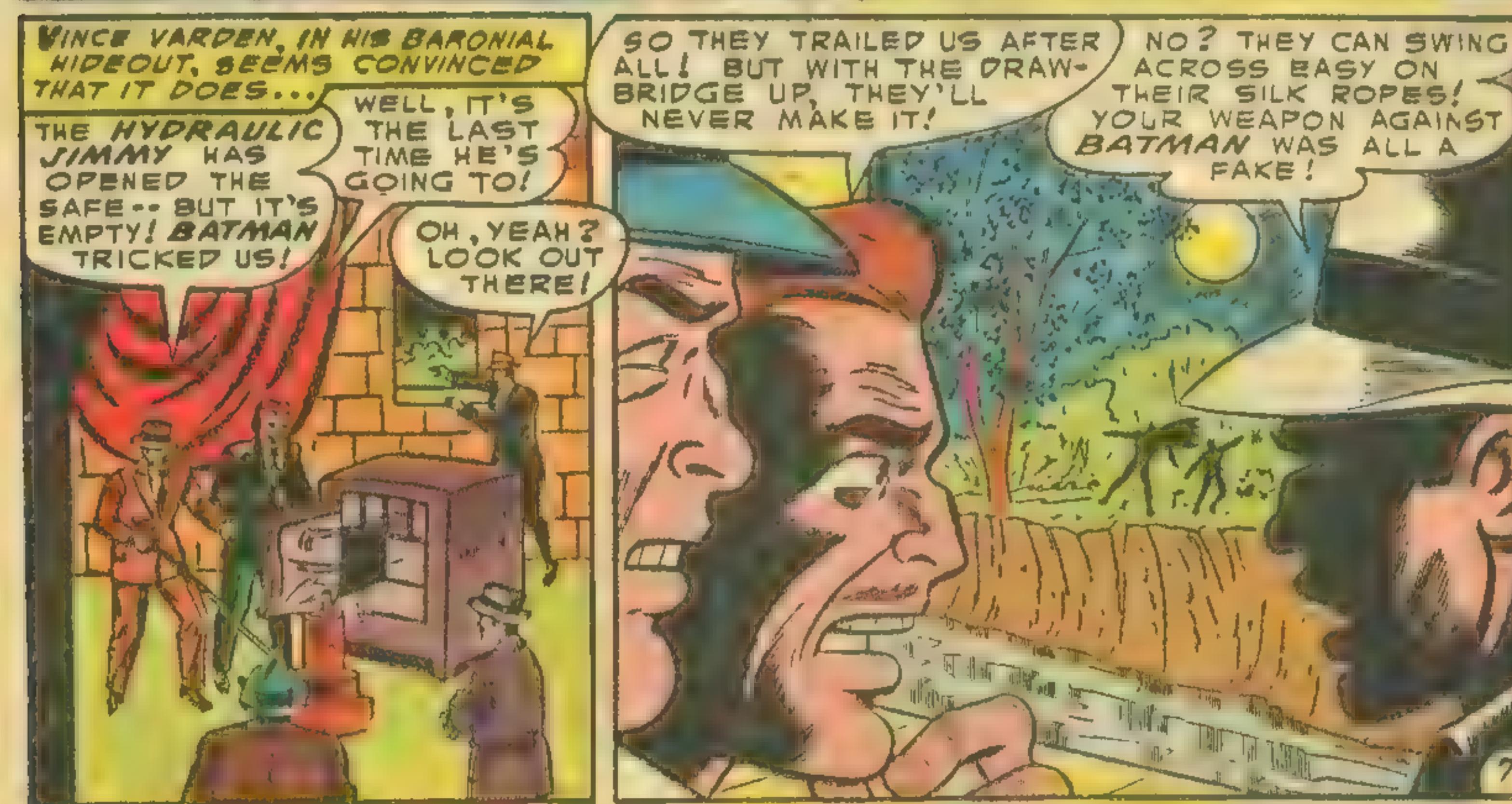
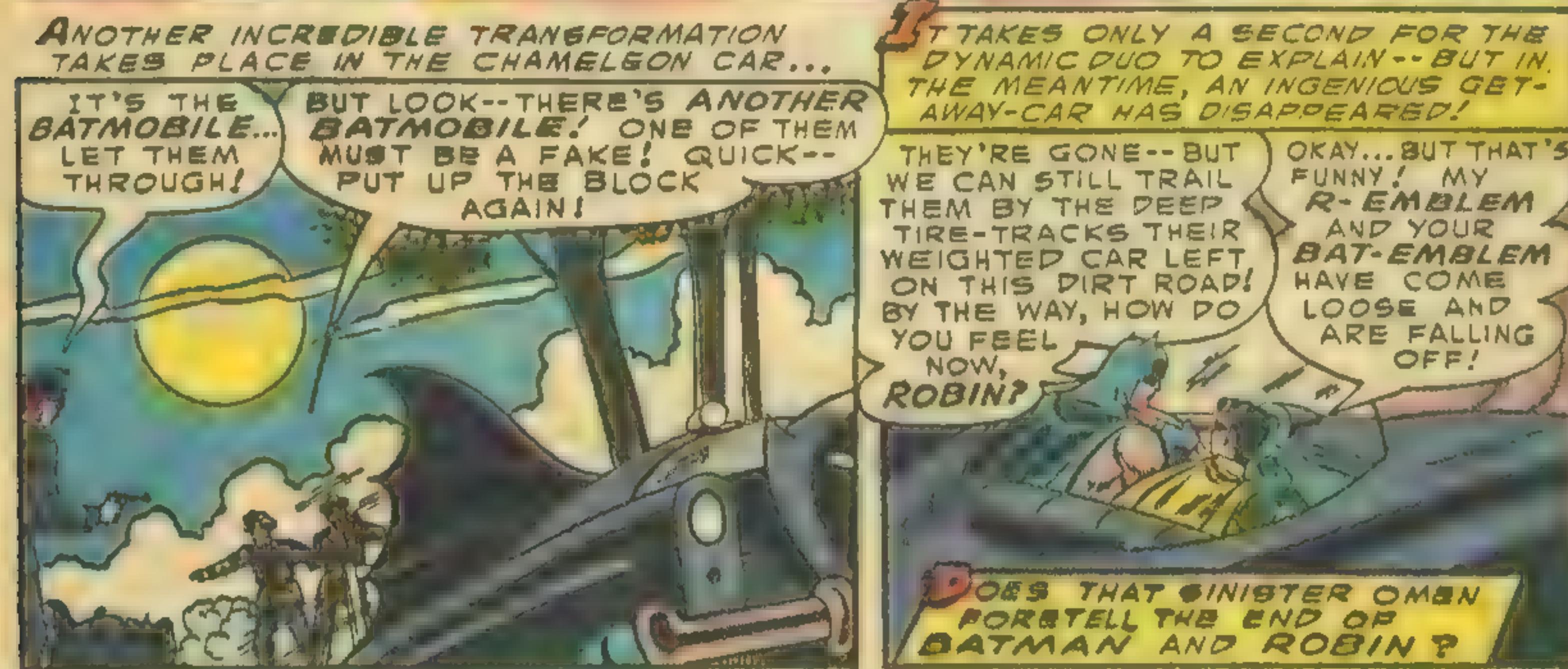
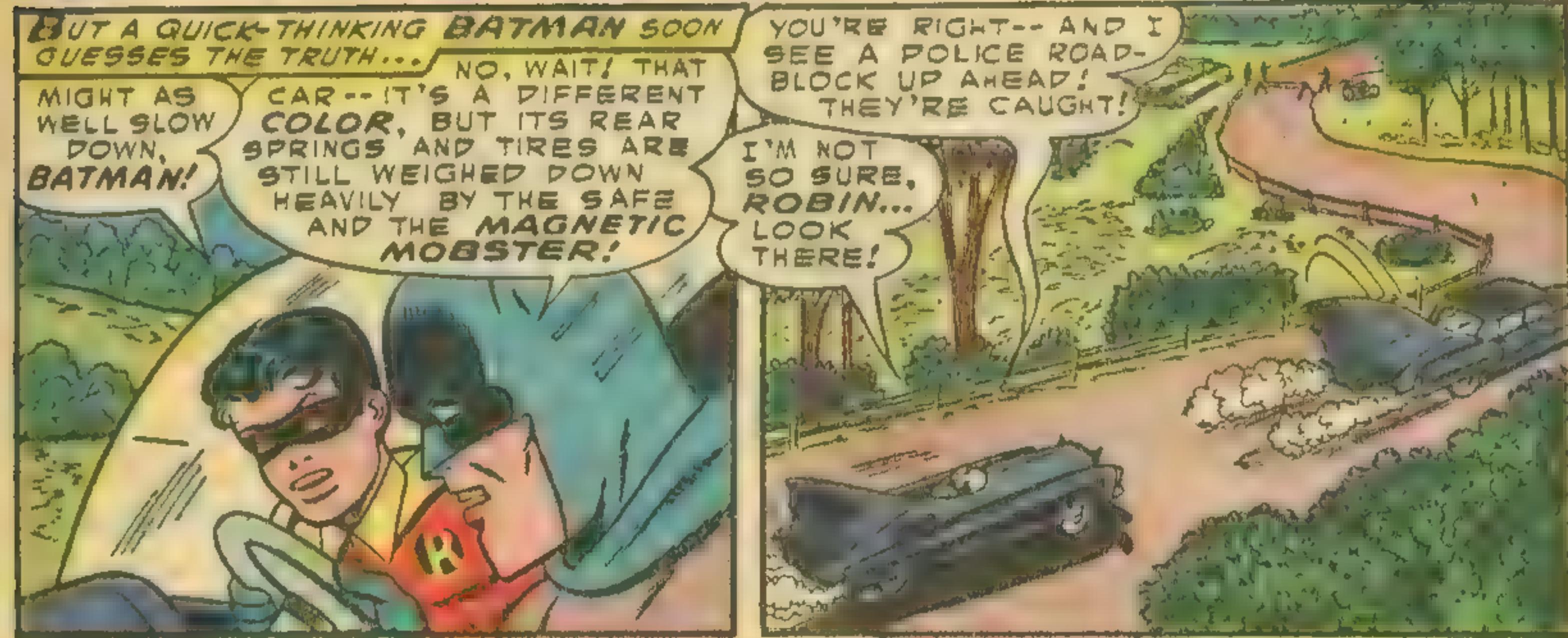


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BUT AS CRIMINAL EYES WATCH,  
A FATEFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS...

WHY-- WHY. YES! I KNEW  
THEIR ROPES THAT SOONER  
BOTH SNAPPED! OR LATER MY  
WEAPON WOULD DESTROY  
THEM... AND IT HAS-- WITH  
NO MURDER CHARGE AGAINST  
US!

BUT, VINCE, I DON'T  
GET IT! WHAT  
WAS IN THAT  
GAS?

A SPECIAL CHEMICAL, HARMLESS  
TO HUMANS, BUT RUINOUS TO  
SILK! IT ROTTED AND WEAKENED  
THEIR SILK ROPES SO THE FIRST  
TIME THEY USED THEM, THEY'D  
FALL TO THEIR DOOM--  
APPARENTLY BY  
ACCIDENT!



YES, AND WE MIGHT HAVE  
DONE JUST THAT-- EXCEPT  
THAT THE SILK THREAD  
STITCHING OF OUR EMBLEMS  
ROTTED, TOO, AND GAVE ME  
THE CLUE!

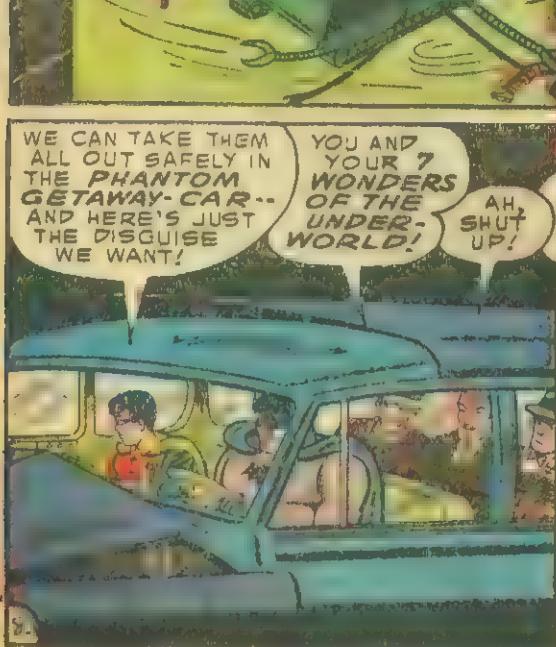
SO WE MADE DUMMIES  
OUT OF SPARE COSTUMES  
IN THE BATMOBILE, AND  
LET THEM TAKE THE FALL!  
WE CLIMBED DOWN INTO  
THE CHASM AND UP THIS  
SIDE!



AS FOR THIS SECOND-STORY  
MACHINE, IT'S A WONDER, ALL  
RIGHT-- FOR CATCHING  
CROOKS!

THEY ALWAYS SAY, "SET A THIEF TO  
CATCH A THIEF"-- AND THIS  
VACUUM THIEF IS DOING  
FINE, EH, VINCE?

HELP!  
I GIVE  
UP!



WE CAN TAKE THEM  
ALL OUT SAFELY IN  
THE PHANTOM  
GETAWAY-CAR--  
AND HERE'S JUST  
THE DISGUISE  
WE WANT!

YOU AND  
YOUR 7  
WONDERS  
OF THE  
UNDER-  
WORLD!

AH,  
SHUT  
UP!

AND SO, EN ROUTE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE 7 WONDERS  
OF THE UNDERWORLD  
WILL LOOK FINE IN  
OUR TROPHY  
ROOM, BATMAN!

YES, ROBIN-- BUT THERE  
IS ALSO AN 8<sup>TH</sup> WONDER,  
THE WONDER OF WHY  
ANYONE IS STUPID  
ENOUGH TO GO IN  
FOR CRIME!

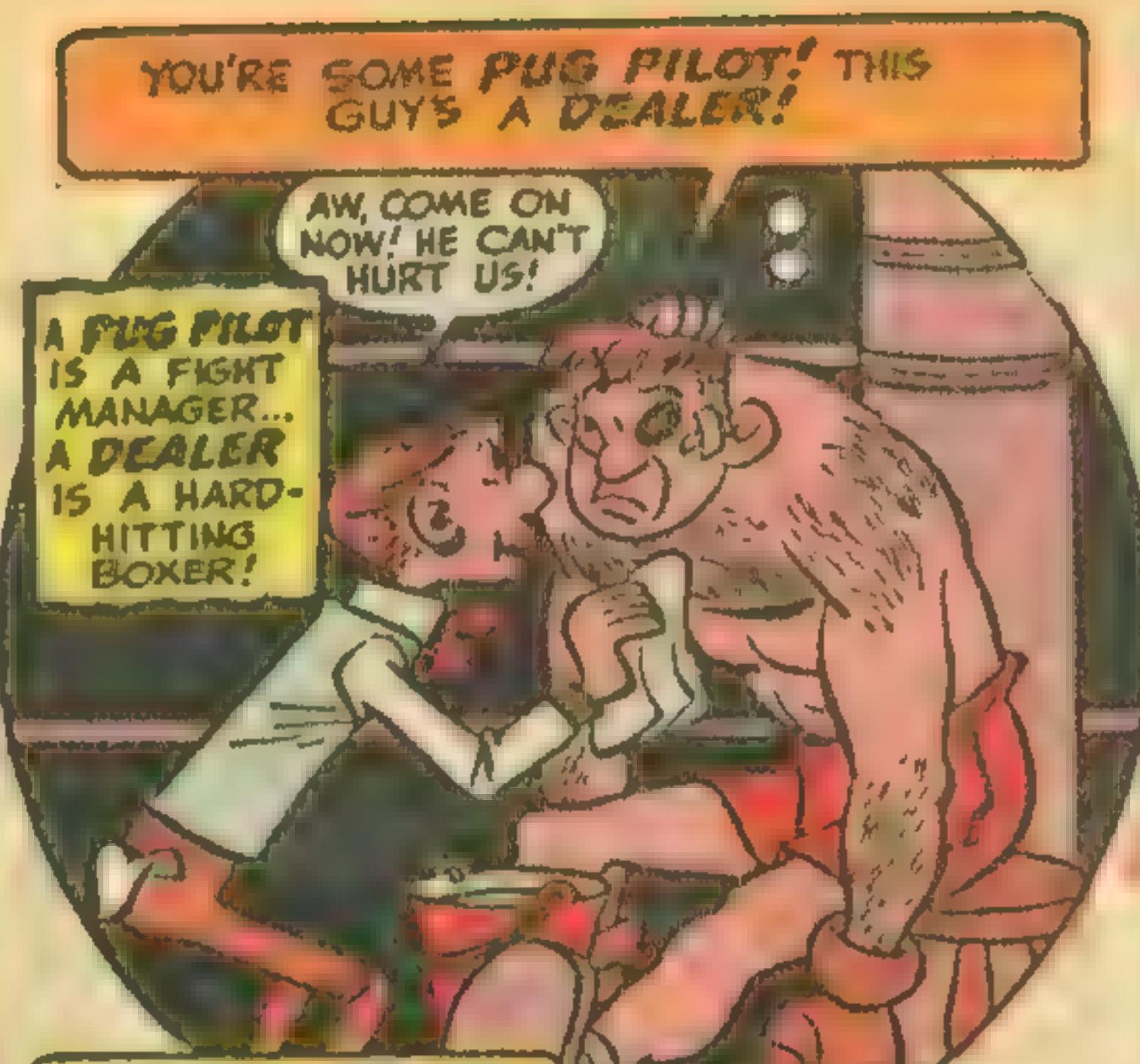


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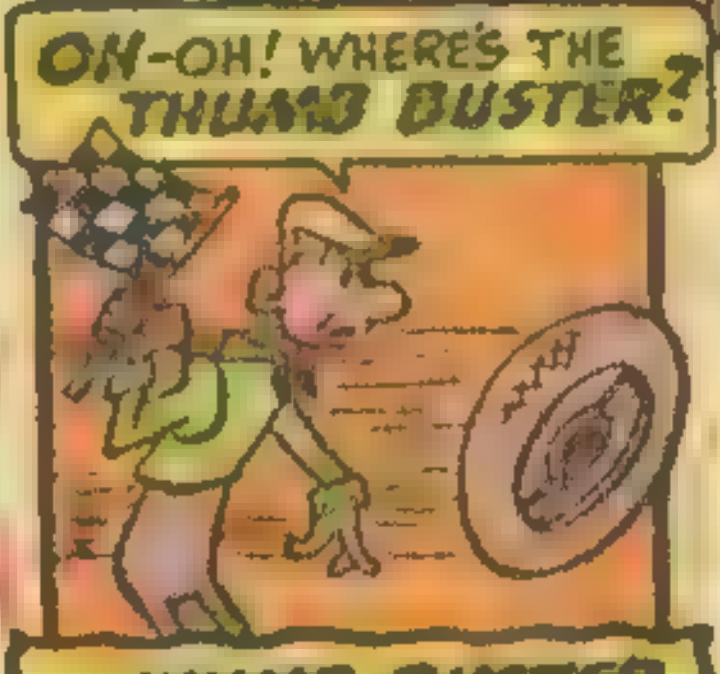
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HIT THE MAPLES MEANS BOWL... AND TOUCH IVORY MEANS PLAY BILLIARDS!



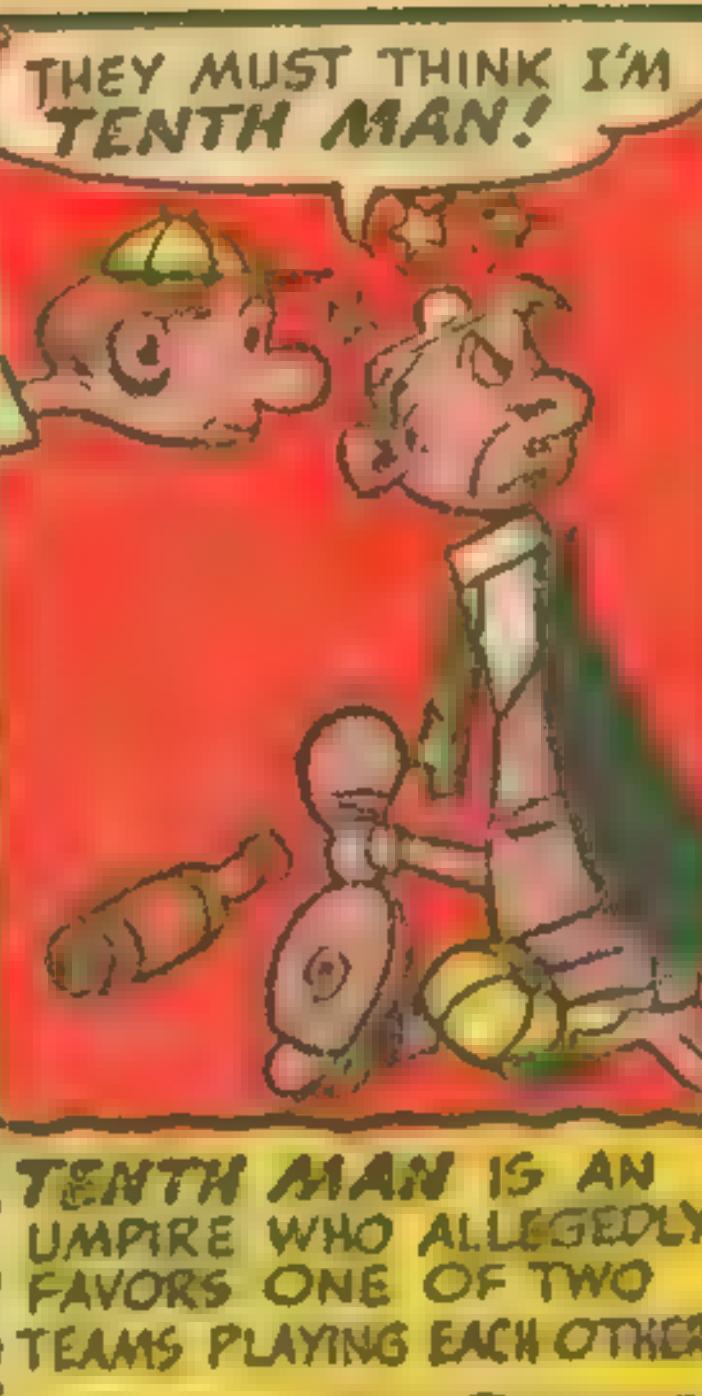
A PUG PILOT IS A FIGHT MANAGER... A DEALER IS A HARD-HITTING BOXER!



A THUMB BUSTER IS A MECHANIC!



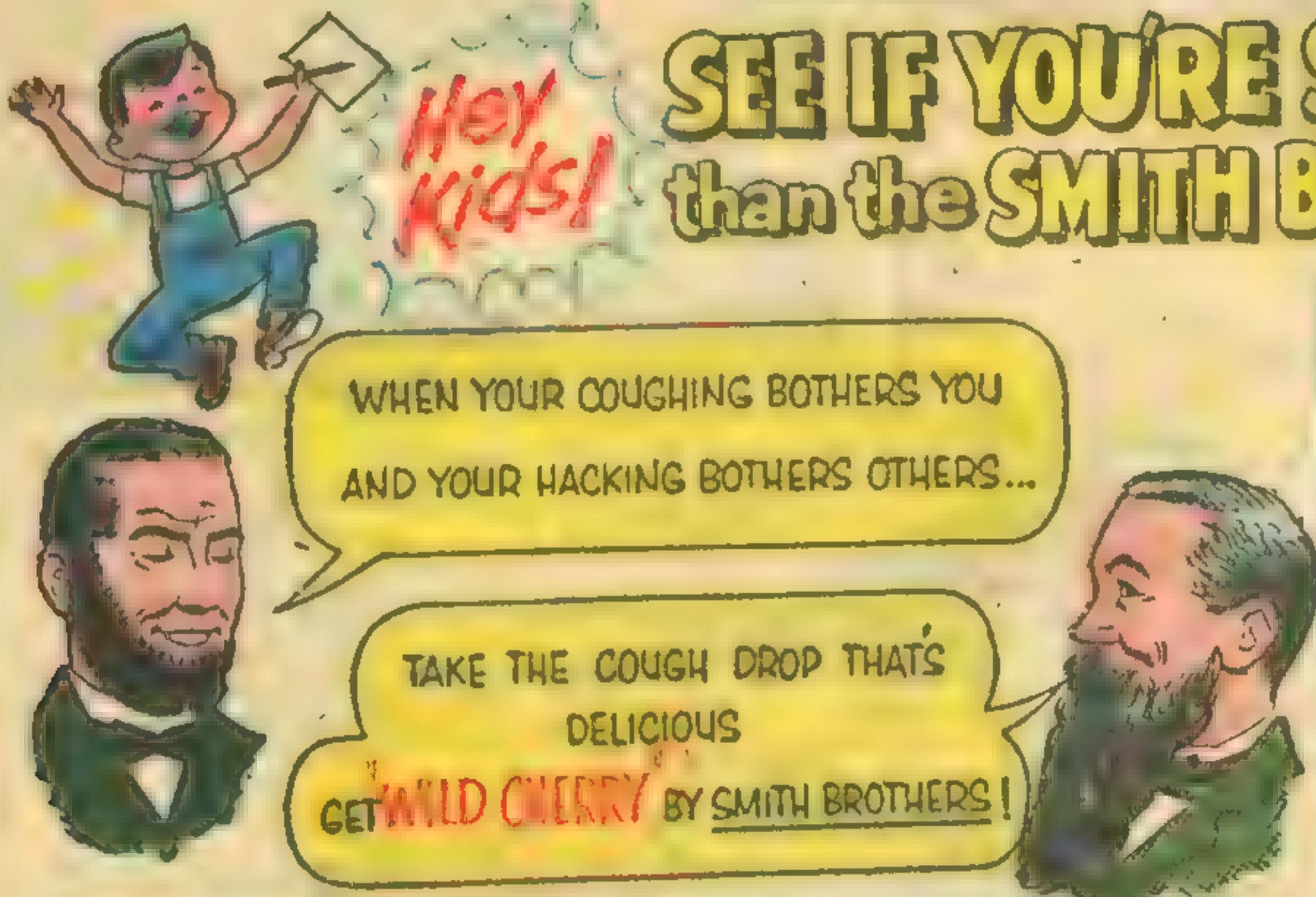
A GRAND TOUR IS AN EIGHTEEN-HOLE ROUND OF GOLF!



TENTH MAN IS AN UMPIRE WHO ALLEGEDLY FAVERS ONE OF TWO TEAMS PLAYING EACH OTHER!

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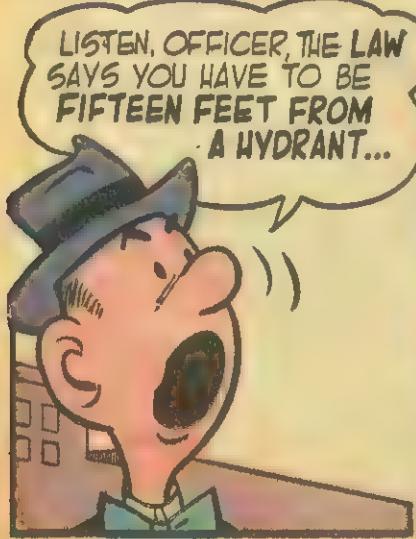
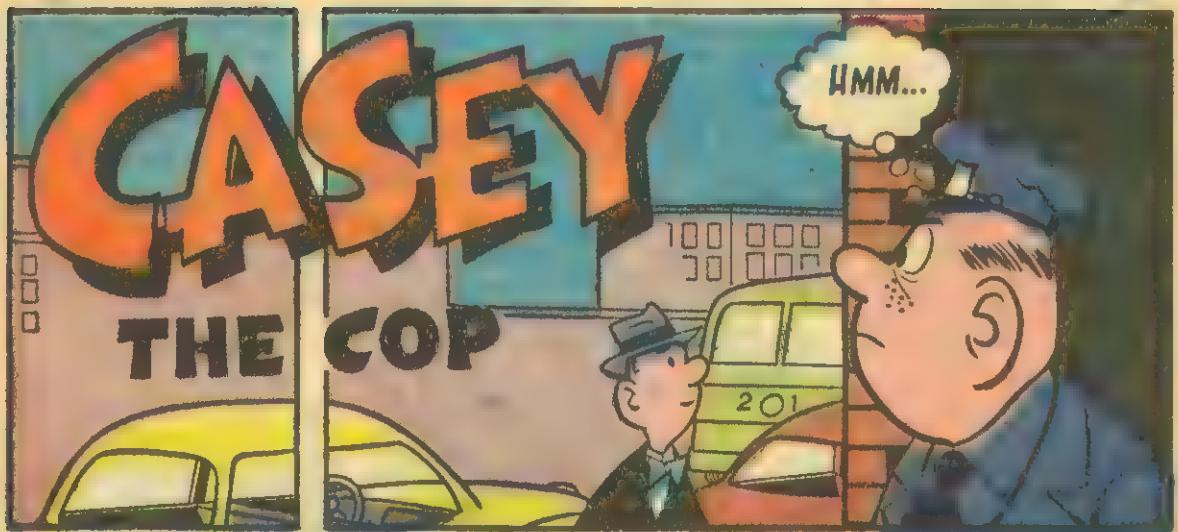
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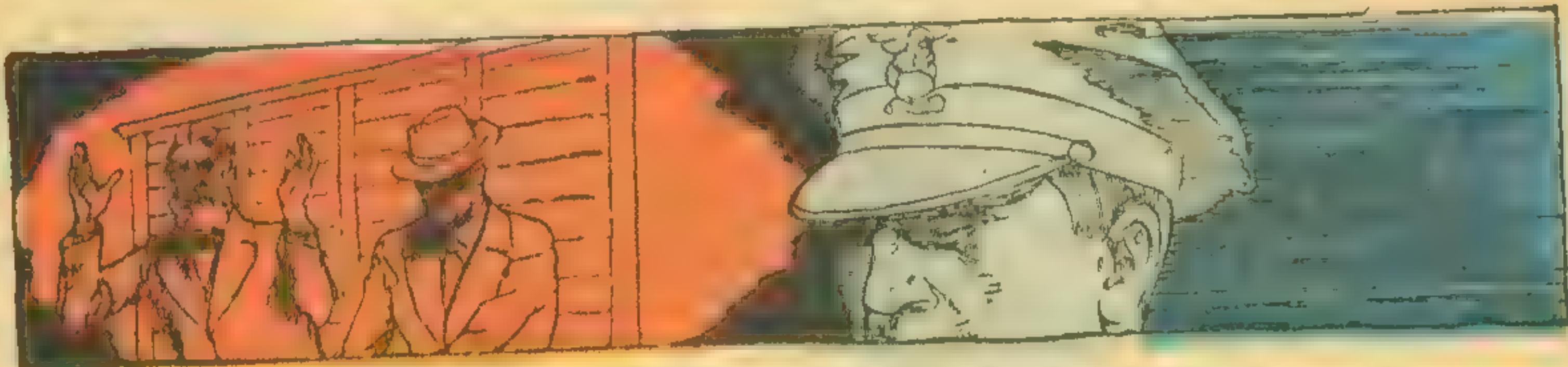
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# BATMAN



# "Calling Police Car Number 5!"



## Modern Equipment Enables An Officer to Answer A Summons in Split Seconds

SOME years ago, burglars considered the getaway the easiest phase of the crime. No wonder! Even if someone had the presence of mind and the know-how to use the police signal-box hung on the corner lamp-post to alert headquarters that a crime was being committed, by the time the "Black Maria" arrived, you can be sure, the criminals were getting ready to escape.

Even the emergence of paved roads and speedy roadsters was, at first, a boon to burglars. But the margin was soon reversed by the crime-fighters, who combined two miracles of our age to make the getaway the toughest part of the crook's trade.

What were these? They were the radio and the automobile.

Thus, when two holdup men entered a pawnshop, not long ago, one began emptying the safe, while the other stood guard near the door. Luckily, a clerk was able to lift the receiver off the telephone hook without being observed by the thugs. He gave the dial one twirl, switching in the operator.

The operator, hearing one of the thugs ordering the pawnshop clerk to unlock the jewelry case, instantly buzzed police headquarters.

A moment later, two police officers in

Police Car Number 5, cruising a few blocks away, heard the urgent voice of the radio dispatcher:

"Police Car Number 5, Police Car Number 5! Armed robbery in progress at 475 Elm Street!"

A minute and a half after the would-be burglars entered the pawnshop, and just 30 seconds after the call was put on the air, the two hoods were in handcuffs!

This scene is taking place every day in every city in the country. Indeed, these stop-watch captures have become so common that they are rarely reported on the front pages of our newspapers.

In the beginning, police car radio systems borrowed the facilities of the local radio station to do their broadcasting on. This didn't work out too successfully, however, for the hoods had only to keep their own car radios tuned in to receive broadcasts at the same time the police did.

The police overcame this advantage by transmitting their calls on wave intensities below the usual broadcasting band. This short-wave method worked out fine until certain big-time hoods began installing short-wave receivers in their bullet-proof sedans.

The police took one final step, the use of a police code. This stumped the crooks—and still does. As an illustration, take the following message, actually sent out over a police transmitter:

4857. *Miss C John Smith, 30:5:9-135, gla, br ha, bl su, gy coao, gy hat, lef C Apr. 6 at 1:00 P.M.*

The above is a simple code, despite what you think, for it concerns a missing person. If the message concerned a robbery in progress, it would be far more difficult.

Here is a translation of the above code:

"4857. Missing from Charleston, John Smith, aged 30; height, 5 feet nine inches; weight, 135 pounds. He wears glasses, has brown hair, and when last seen had on a blue suit, gray coat, and gray hat. He left Charleston on April 6 at 1:00 P.M."

So much for the radio part of the car-radio combination. The police car, which depends on its radio for top efficiency, has come a long way from the early models.

In the beginning, police cars differed from the cars we buy only in being fitted up with a few gadgets of special equipment. These included the powerful spotlight on the roof, a siren, and a windshield of shatter-proof glass.

Today, special police cars are being built with armor plate, bullet-proof glass, and a host of amazing gadgets.

The light, speedy scout car for routine police duty is the vehicle most often seen. One rarely sees the remarkable "police cruiser" which is thrown into service for special, grueling tasks.

Let's suppose, for instance, that a gang of holdup men crack a bank, and head out in their own bullet-proof sedan for a hide-

out in the suburbs. This is when the police cruiser lumbers out of the police garage.

This vehicle has been described as a veritable arsenal on wheels. Equipped with two radio receivers, one for short-wave bands, the other a regular broadcasting receiver, the cruiser carries a sub-machine-gun, a tear-gas gun, a Springfield rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, automatic pistols, hand grenades, and gas bombs.

The front of the radio and the tires are protected by bullet-proof screens. In the bullet-proof windshield is a porthole, enabling the machinegun to be fired straight ahead.

Special rear-axle gears permit the cruiser to attain a speed of 110 miles per hour. And it can turn a corner at 65 miles an hour!

The cruiser has already chalked up a number of sensational captures. In one southern city, it made 17 arrests in one night. In a mid-western metropolis, the cruiser hit the road when a gang of chain-store robbers was already miles out of the city. The cruiser raced 10 miles to catch the high-powered crook car.

For years, the radio-car combination operated solely within the limits of each city. But, in a number of states, an experiment was conducted whereby crime messages were transmitted on a state-wide basis.

So successful was this experiment that, recently, Congress voted an appropriation for a master station to be built in Washington to co-ordinate the whole network of municipal and state police radio.

With the entire nation blanketed by a single radio system, top police authorities in the nation are confident that getaways will become as scarce as hen's teeth.



# BATMAN



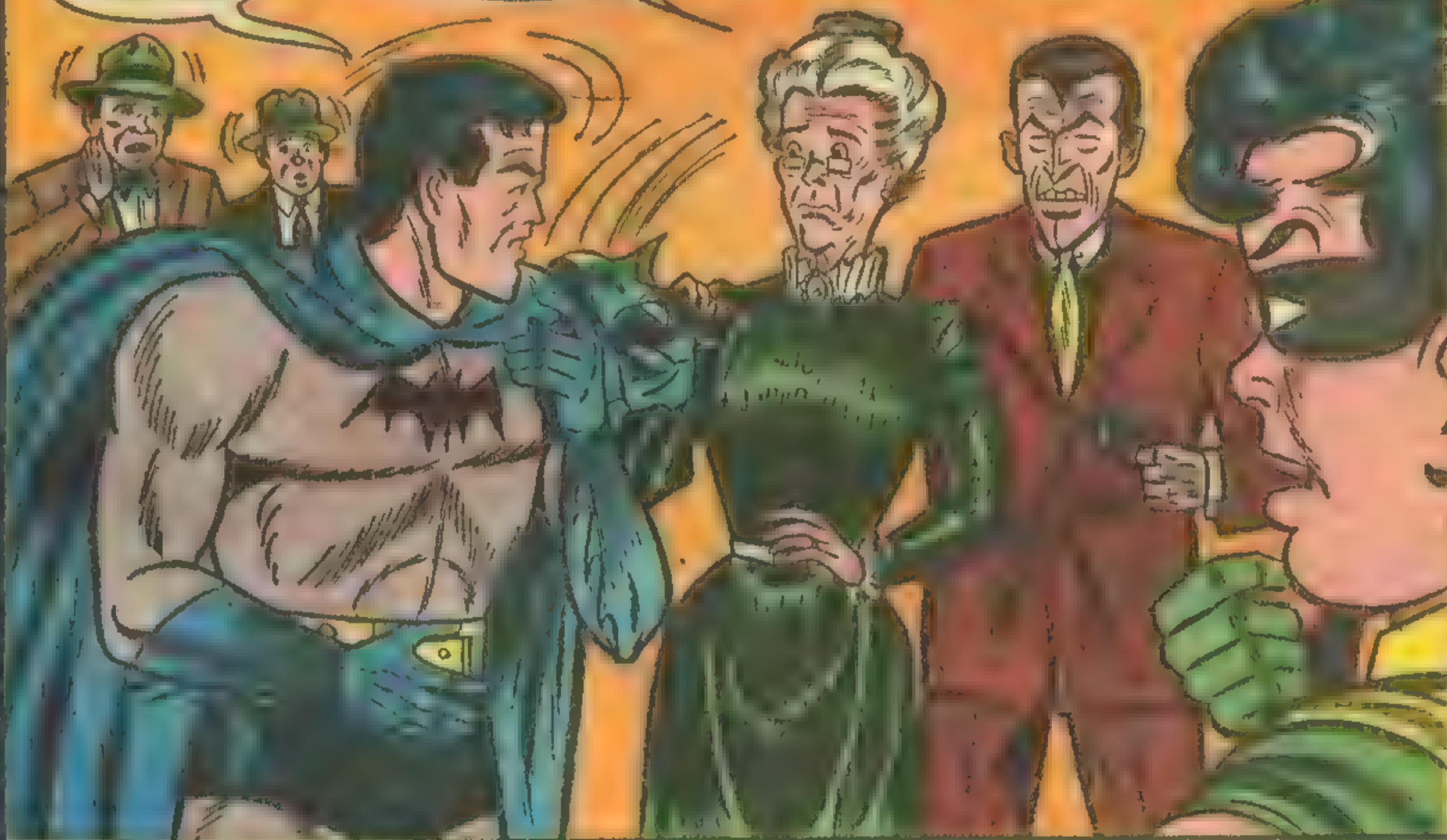
# BATMAN ROBIN

WHY, BRUCE--  
WHATEVER ARE  
YOU DOING, WEARING  
THIS FANTASTIC  
COSTUME?

(ULP)  
AUNT  
AGATHA!

ALWAYS, BATMAN HAS HAD ONE  
NIGHTMARE--THAT HIS TRUE IDENTITY  
WOULD BE UNMASKED AS BRUCE  
WAYNE, SOCIALITE! AND SUDDENLY  
THAT NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE, AND  
IRONICALLY, THE ONE WHO RIPS  
AWAY HIS DISGUISE IS A BELOVED  
RELATIVE WHO MEANS HIM NO HARM!  
WHY? HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? ONLY  
ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE  
THOSE ANSWERS--

## BRUCE WAYNE'S AUNT AGATHA!



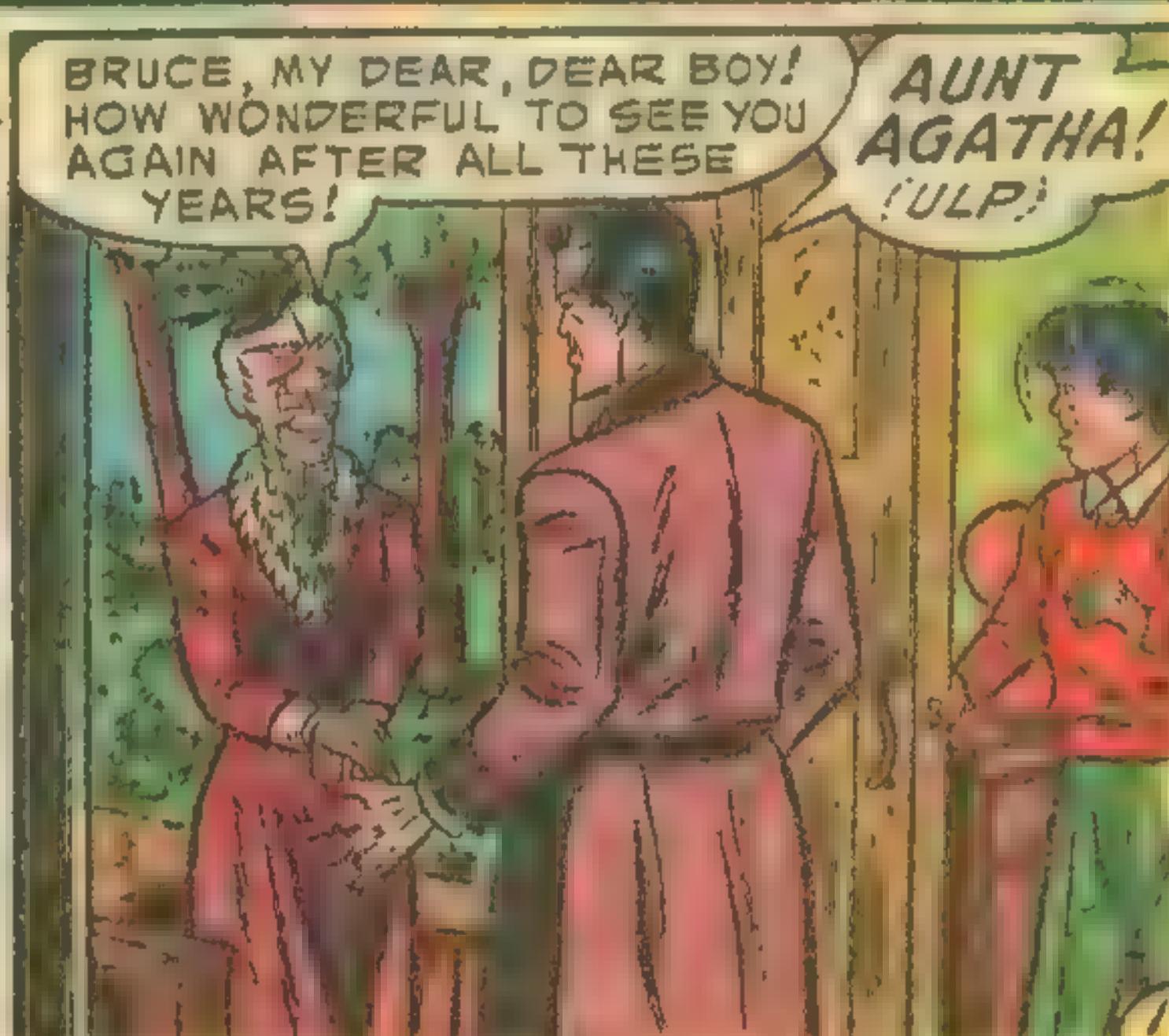
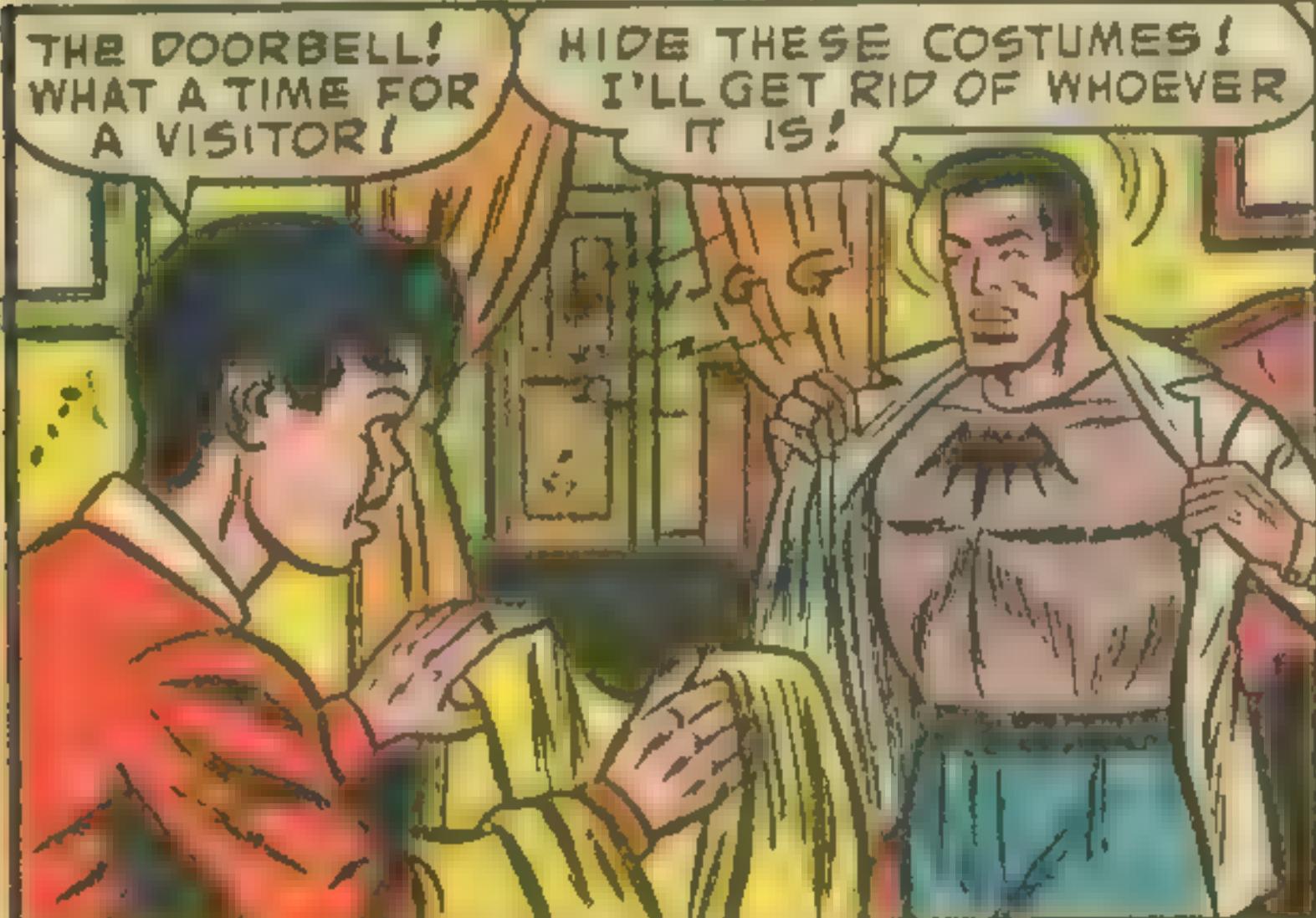
ONE NIGHT, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK  
GRAYSON, ARE ABOUT TO DON THEIR CRIME-FIGHT-  
ING GARB OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

THE DOORBELL!  
WHAT A TIME FOR  
A VISITOR!

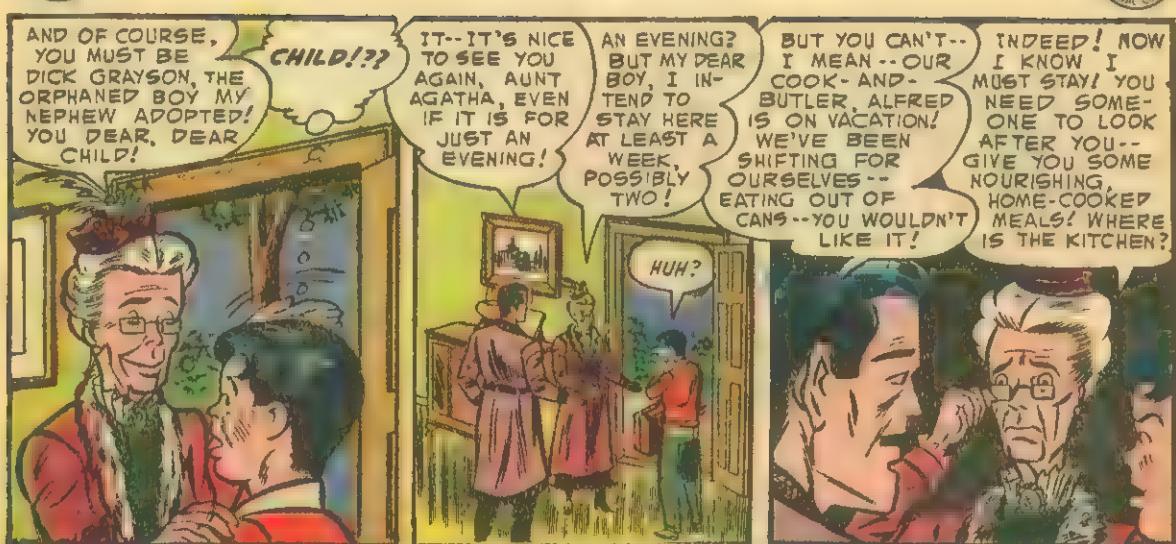
HIDE THESE COSTUMES!  
I'LL GET RID OF WHOEVER  
IT IS!

BRUCE, MY DEAR, DEAR BOY!  
HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU  
AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE  
YEARS!

AUNT  
AGATHA!  
(ULP)



# BATMAN



LATER, AFTER FEEDING HER CHARGES GOOD-HEARTED AUNT AGATHA DOZES COMFORTABLY IN AN EASY CHAIR...

A SWEET OLD WOMAN, AND ANY OTHER TIME I'D HAVE BEEN GLAD TO SEE HER-- BUT NOT NOW, NOT WHILE THE ROTOR-ROBBERS ARE PLAGUING GOTHAM CITY!

WHISPER! SHE'S WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT, BUT SHE'S SLEEPING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DISGUISED CLOCK

ENTRANCE THAT LEADS DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE EXIT!

SO IT HAPPENS, THAT BRUCE AND DICK ARE FORCED TO SWITCH TO FIGHTING TOOS IN THE KITCHEN, OF ALL PLACES!

SHH! QUIETLY! DON'T TRIP OVER ANYTHING!

FINE THING! WE'VE GOT TO SNEAK OUT OF OUR OWN HOUSE!



SO! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!



I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D TRY TO SNEAK OUT TO A MASQUERADE PARTY LIKE THIS! YOU BOYS ARE ALL THE SAME-- NEVER THINK OF THE WEATHER!

MASQUERADE PARTY?!? WEATHER?!?





# BATMAN



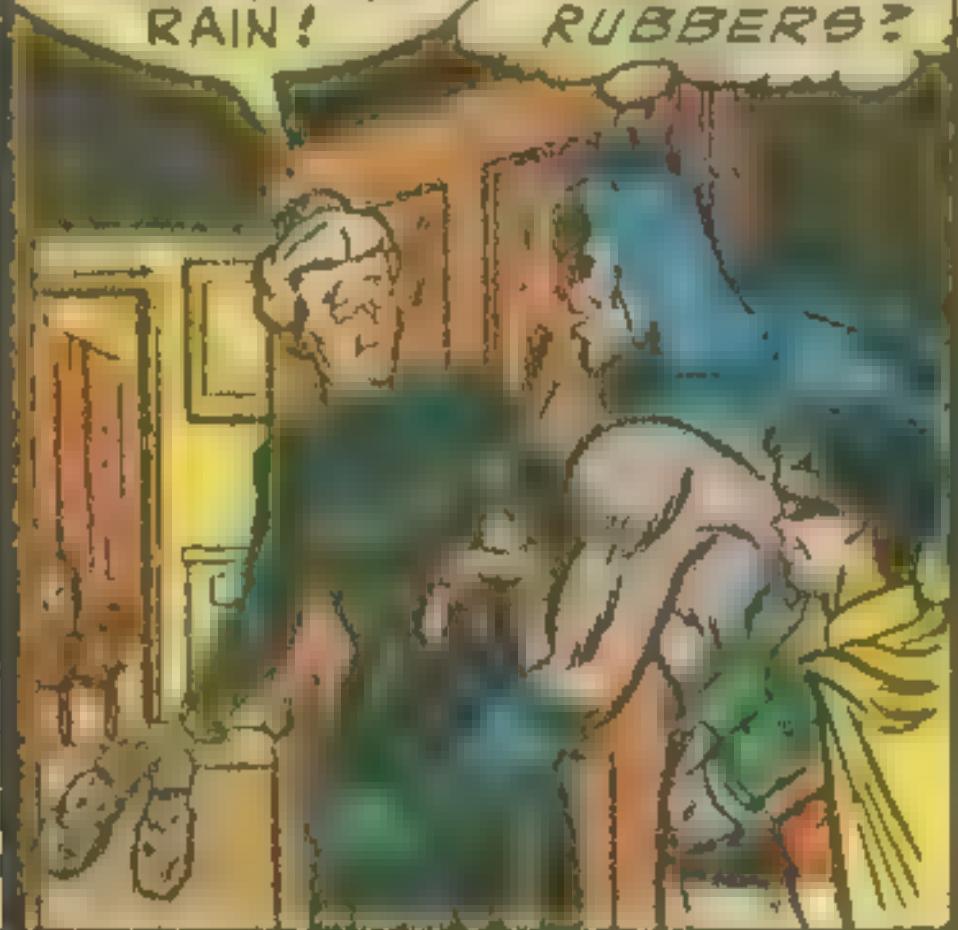
NOW YOU MARCH RIGHT BACK IN HERE AND PUT ON YOUR RUBBERS! TSK-TSK! SUCH A CLOUDY-LOOKING NIGHT! I WON'T HAVE YOU COMING HOME IN THE RAIN!

RUBBERS?  
**BATMAN**  
AND **ROBIN**  
MUST PUT ON  
RUBBERS?

HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY! AND OH, SURE-  
THE  
BRUCE, DON'T FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA!  
WE MUSTN'T FORGET THE UMBRELLA!

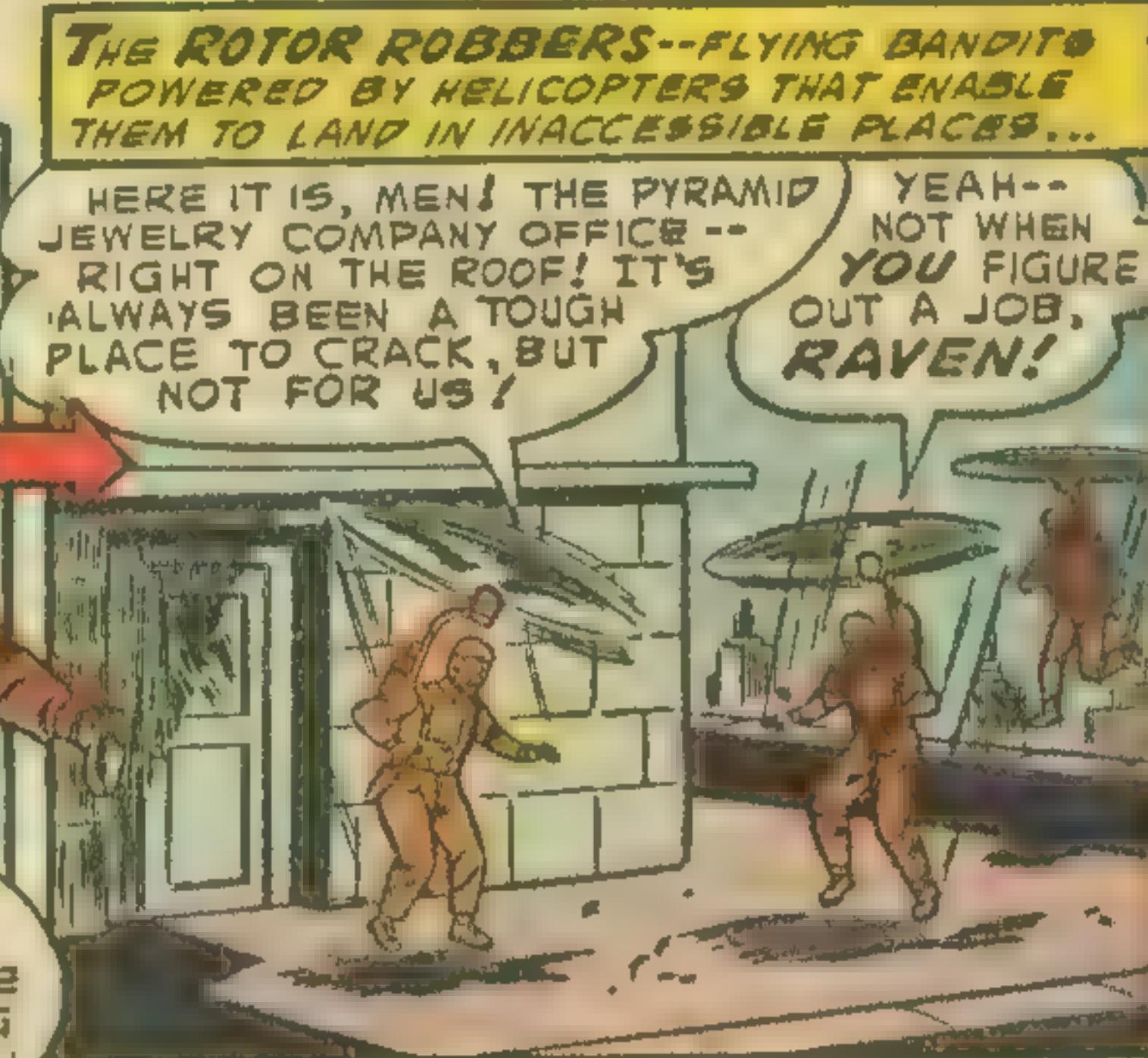
WE LOOK A LITTLE SILLY! HA! HA! AS LONG  
ONLY THINKS WE  
SEE YOURSELF, ARE DRESSED  
CARRYING THAT UMBRELLA!

FOR A COSTUME  
PARTY, IT'S  
WORTH IT!



LATER, AS THE ALERT CRIME-FIGHTERS PATROL THE CITY, A THROBBING SOUND DRAWS THEIR ATTENTION...

**THE ROTOR ROBBERS**--FLYING BANDITS POWERED BY HELICOPTERS THAT ENABLE THEM TO LAND IN INACCESSIBLE PLACES...



AS THEIR FOLD-AWAY PROPELLERS COLLAPSE, THE BANDITS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED IN THEIR WORK...



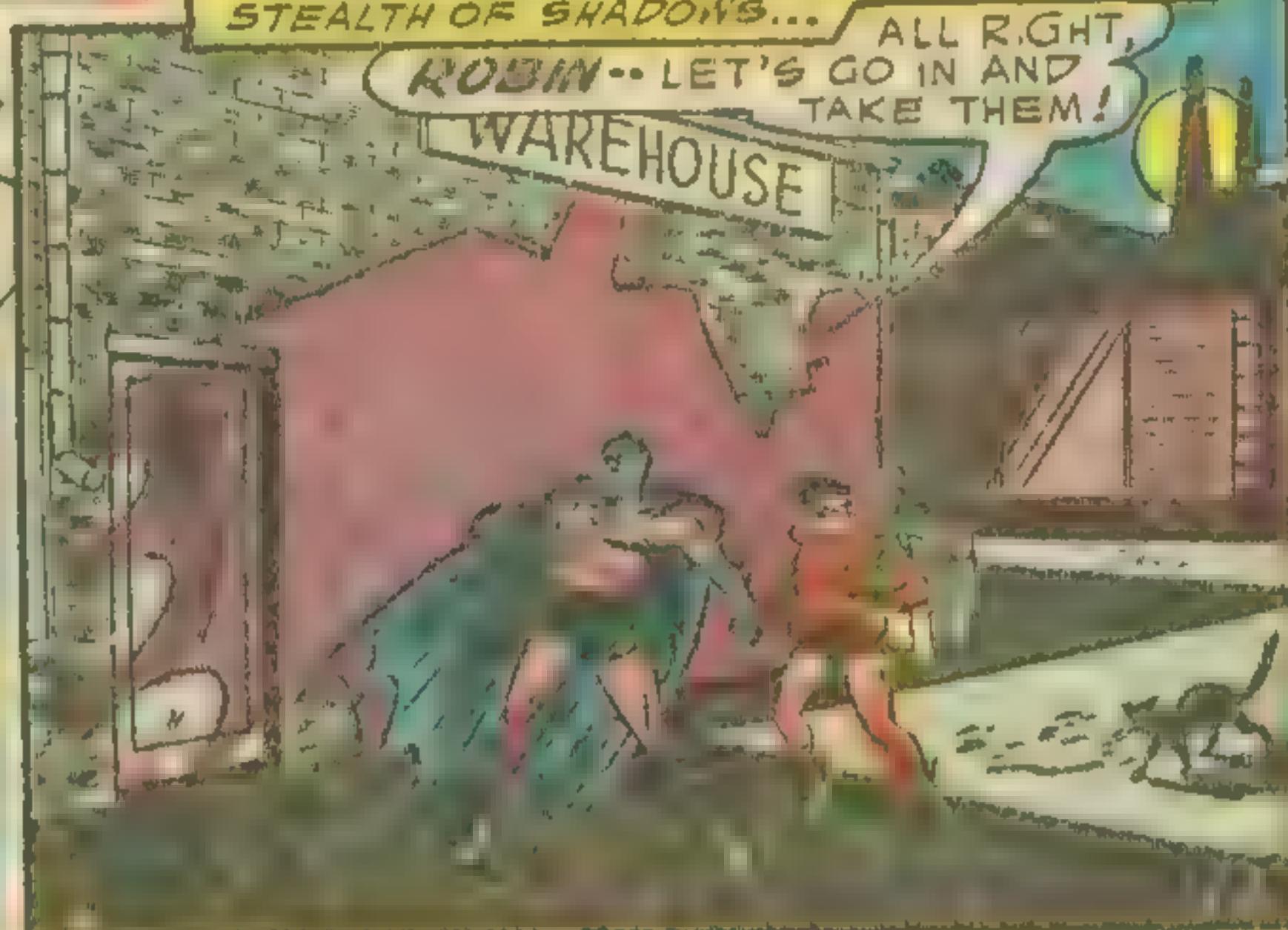
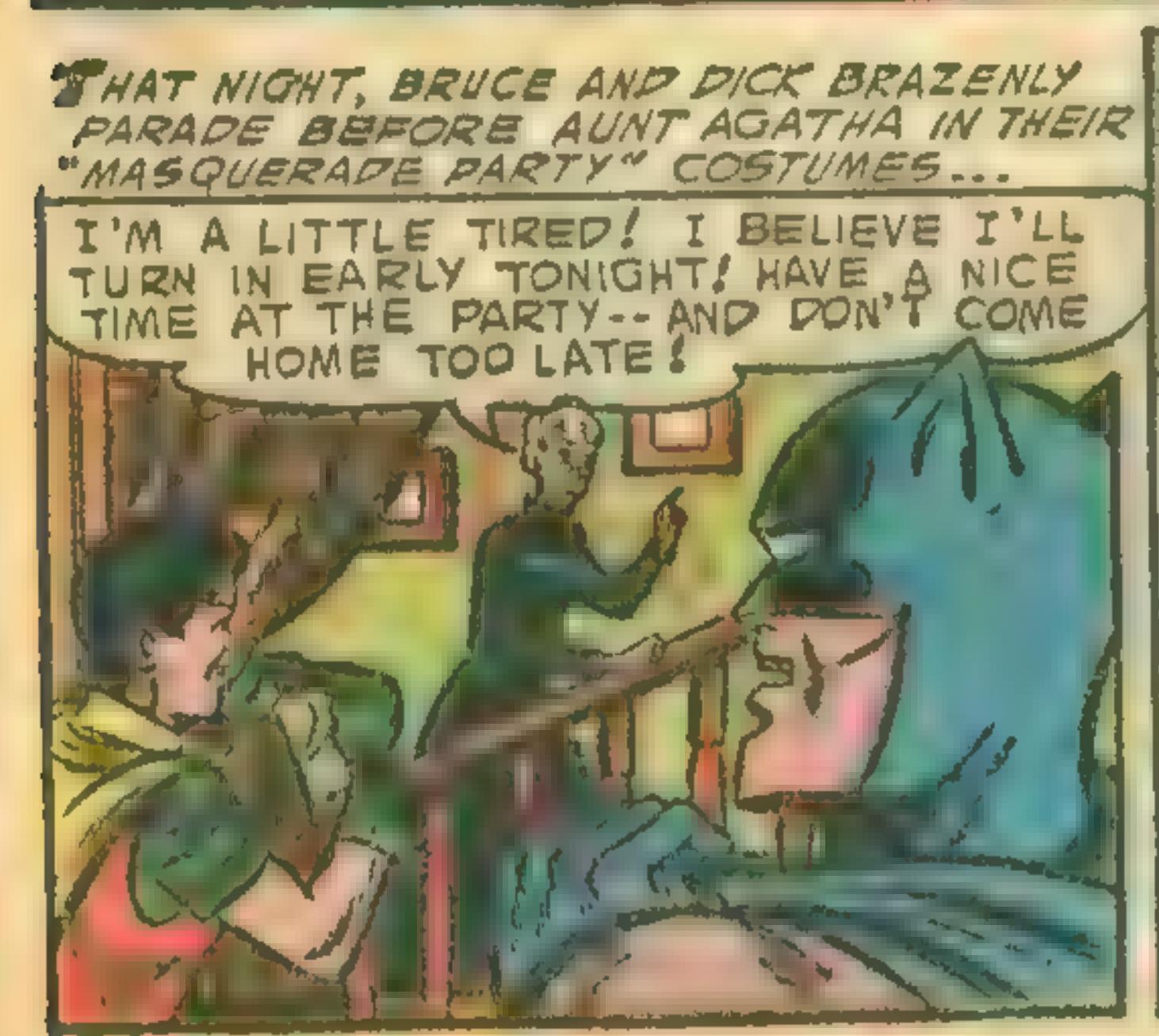
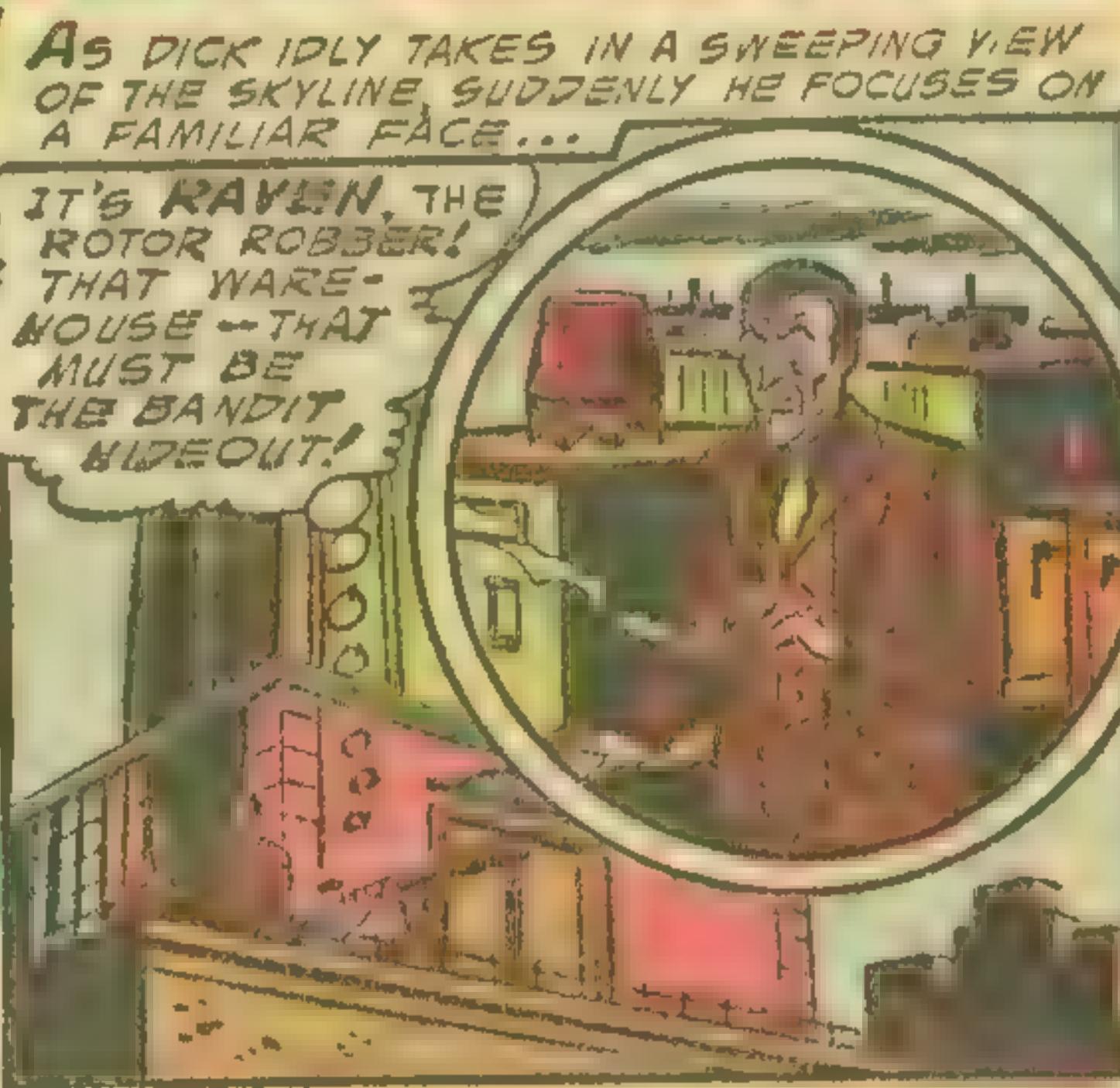
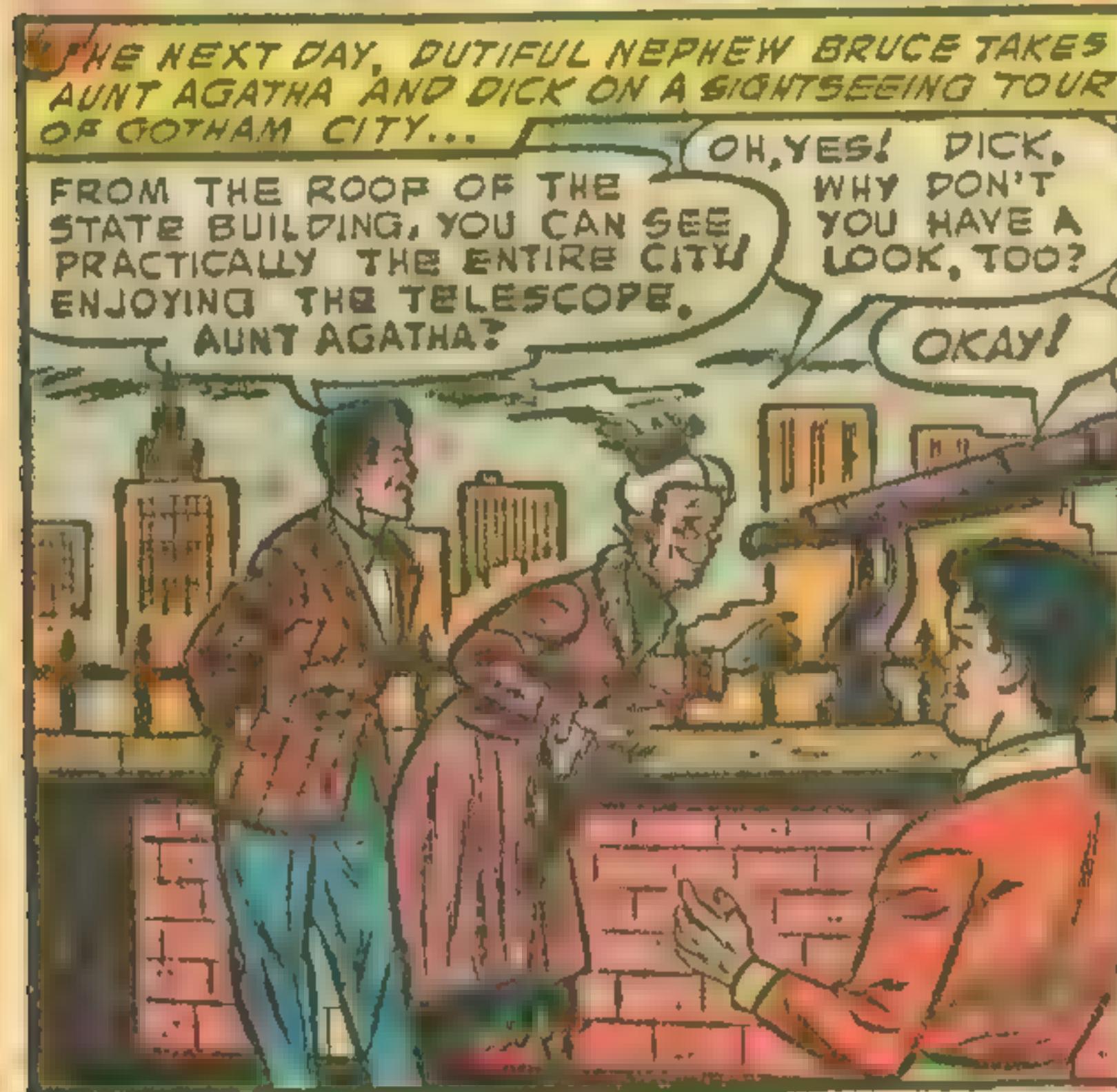
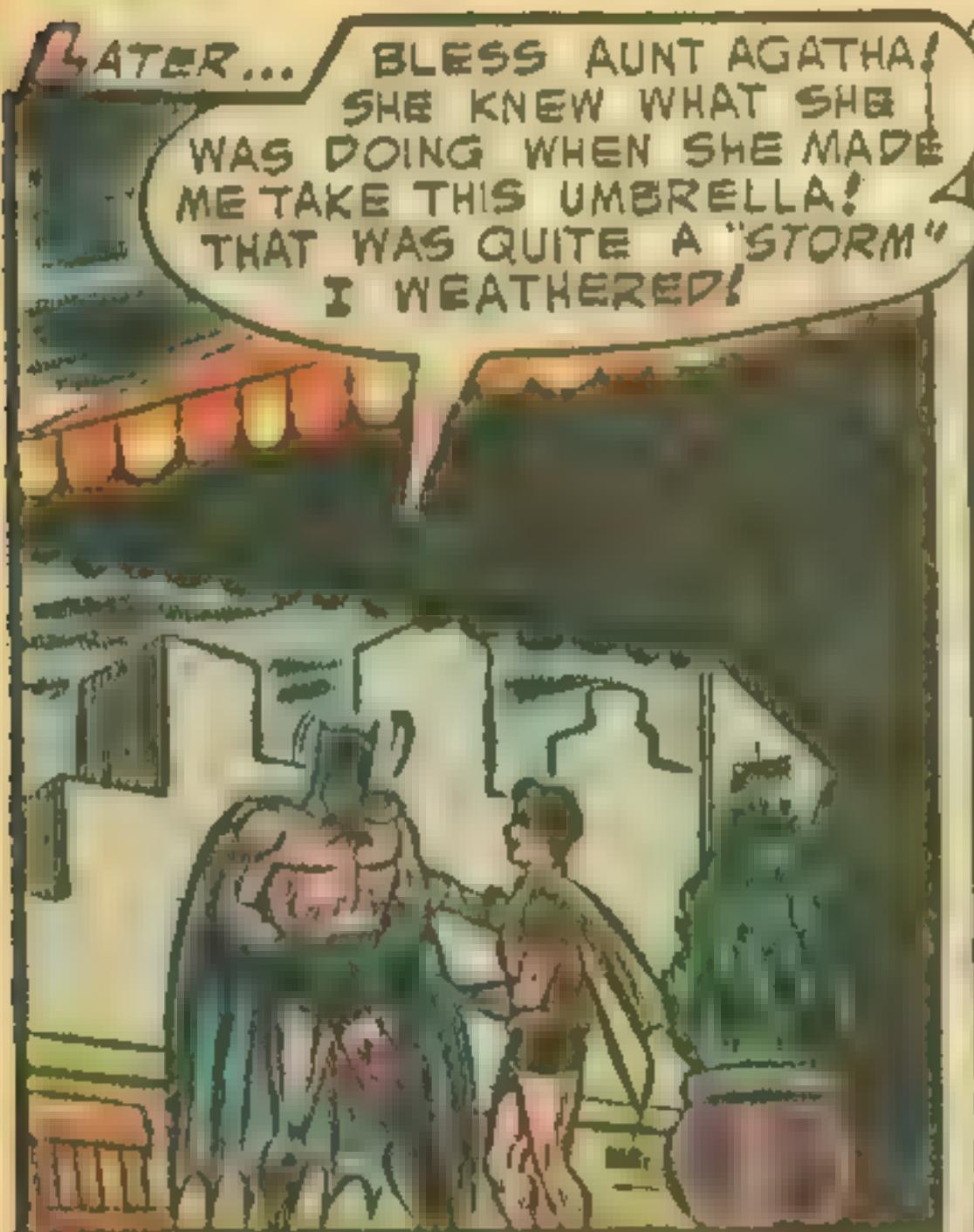


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BUT, UNKNOWN TO BATMAN  
THE INNOCENT-LOOKING RAIN PIPE IS IN  
REALITY AN INGENIOUS PERISCOPE THAT  
RELAYS A TELL-TALE SCENE INTO RAVEN'S  
HIDEOUT...

WELL-WELL! LOOKS LIKE WE BAGGED  
A COUPLE OF STRAY ALLEY CATS--  
OR SHOULD I SAY, BATS!

WE'RE GETTING  
COMPANY! LET'S GIVE THEM A  
PROPER WELCOME!

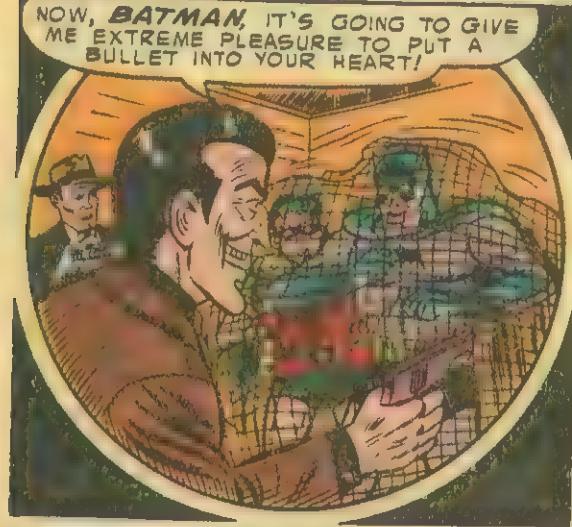


NOW, BATMAN, IT'S GOING TO GIVE  
ME EXTREME PLEASURE TO PUT A  
BULLET INTO YOUR HEART!

SUDDENLY, A FAMILIAR, MOCKING FIGURE  
INTERRUPTS THE EXECUTION...

DROP THAT GUN AND  
SET THEM FREE!  
INSTANTLY!

THE JOKER!

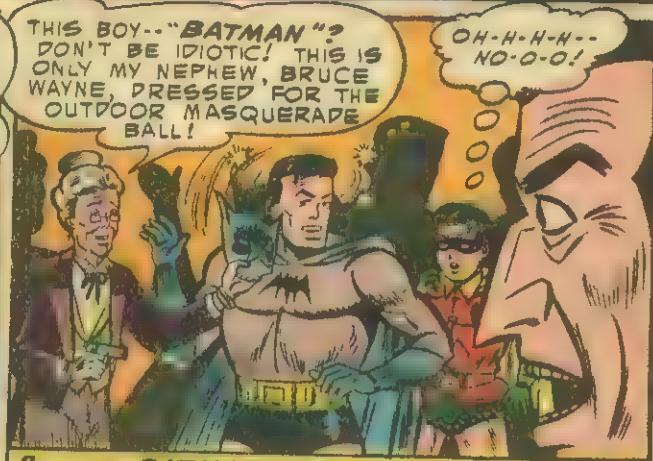


ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT, BRUCE?

A DAME!  
WH- WHAT IS  
THIS? HOW  
COME YOU  
CALLED  
BATMAN  
"BRUCE"?

THIS BOY--"BATMAN"!  
DON'T BE IDIOTIC! THIS IS  
ONLY MY NEPHEW, BRUCE  
WAYNE, DRESSED FOR THE  
OUTDOOR MASQUERADE  
BALL!

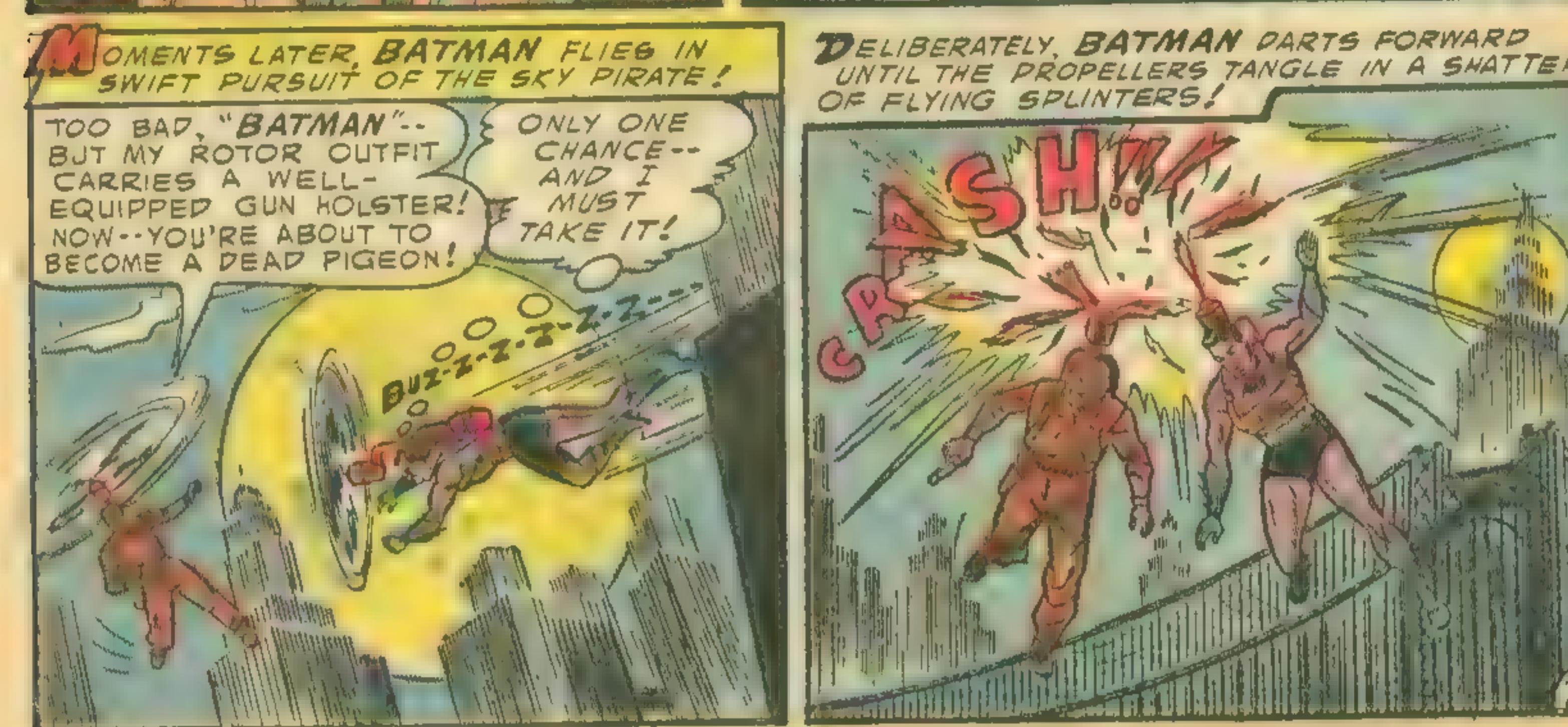
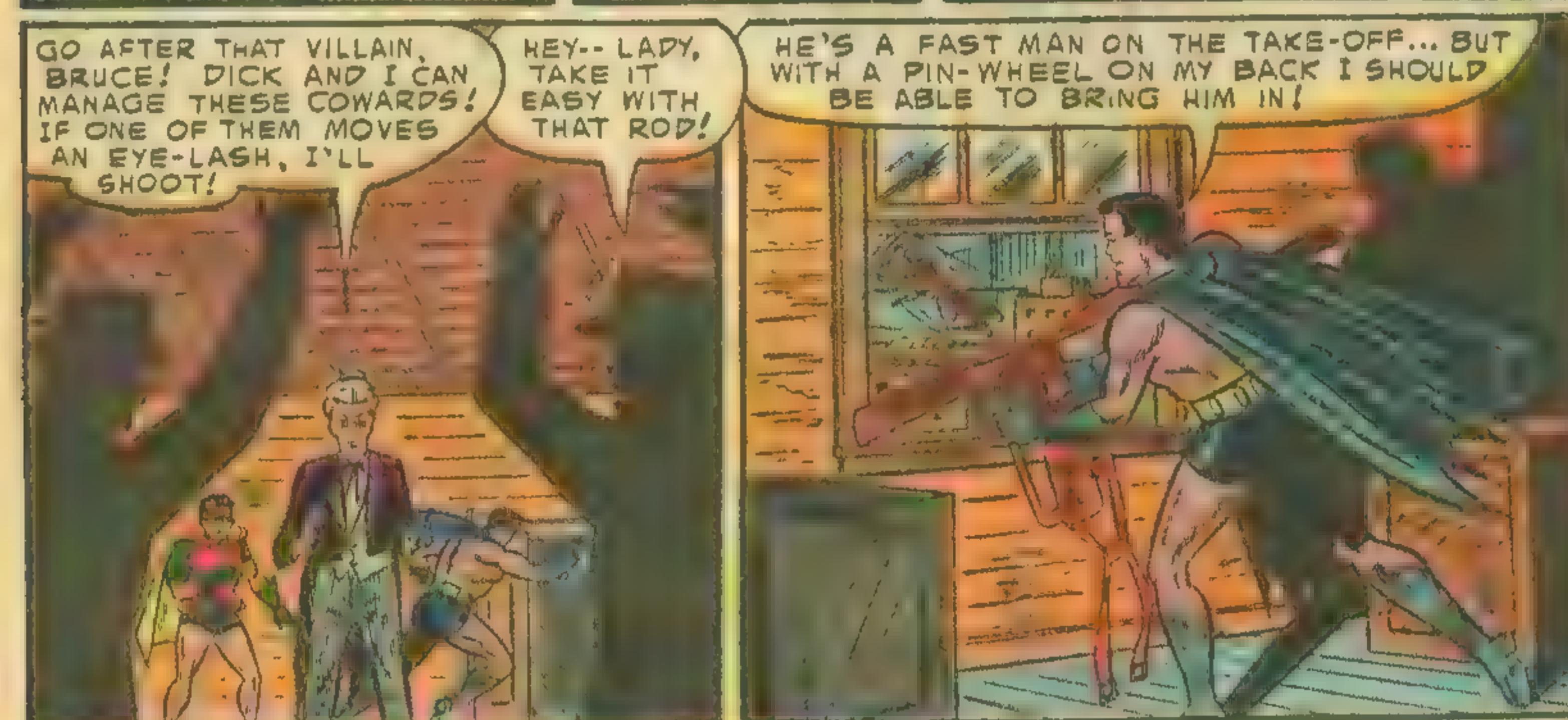
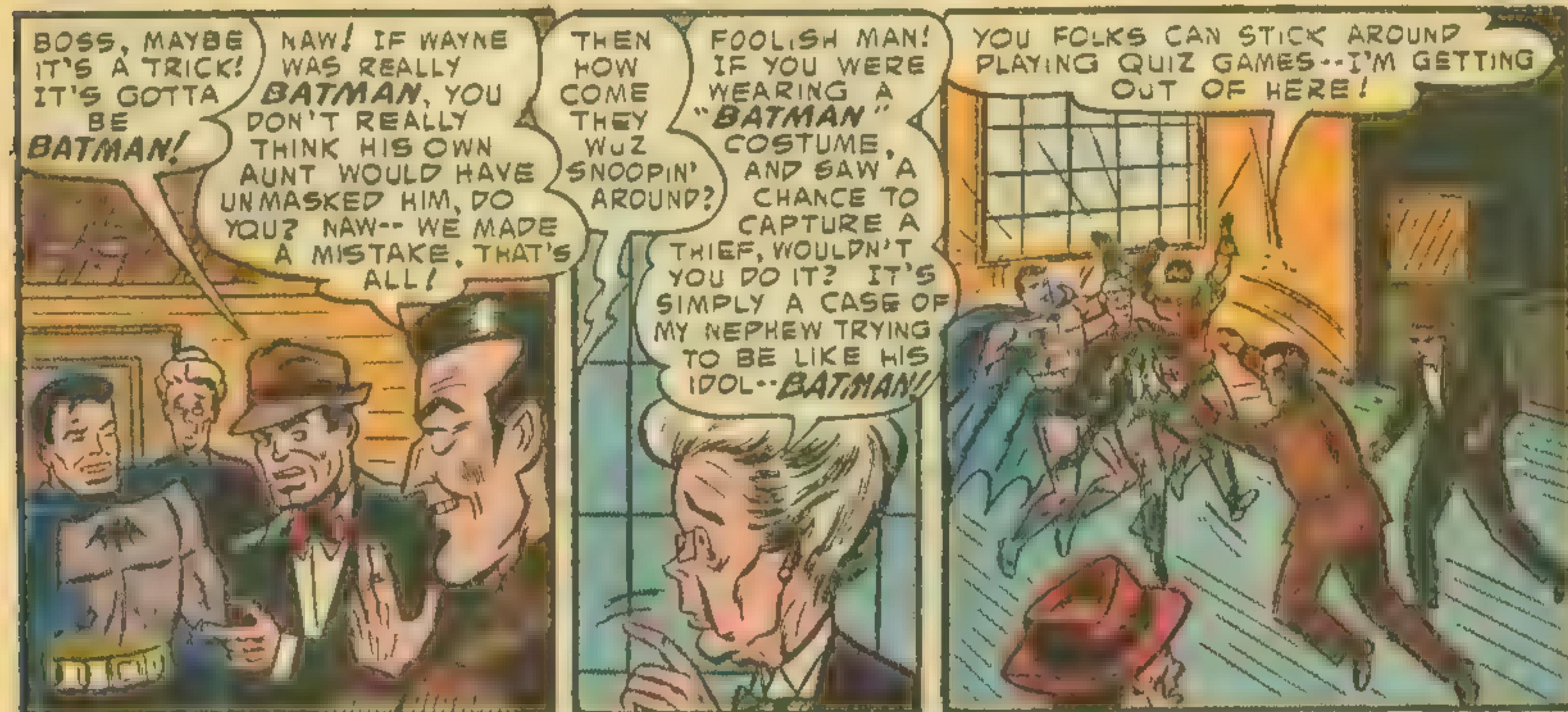
OH-H-H-H-  
NO-O-O!



AT LAST, BATMAN HAS BEEN UNMASKED-- NOT BY  
AN ENEMY-- BUT, INSTEAD, BY HIS WELL-MEANING AUNT.  
IS THIS TO BE THE END OF BATMAN'S CAREER? (6)



# BATMAN

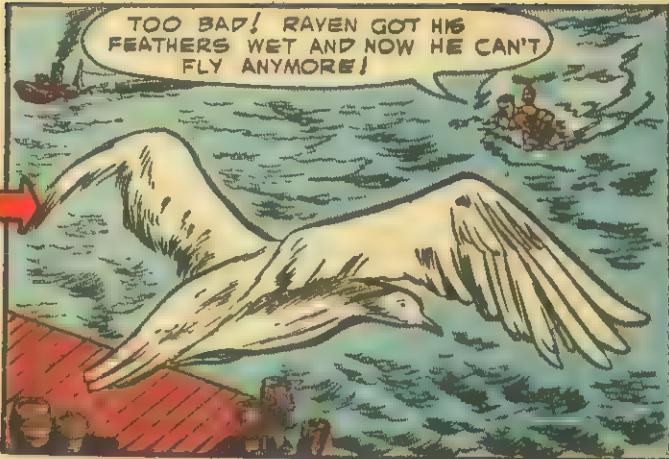




# BATMAN



LIKE TWO BROKEN BIRDS, THEY PLUNGE DOWN... DOWN TO THE RIVER FAR BELOW!



LATER, WHEN RAVEN AND HIS FLOCK ARE "CAGED" IN GOTHAM PRISON, A MYSTERY IS SOON CLEARED UP...

NOW, AUNT AGATHA, SUPPOSE YOU TELL US THE REASON FOR THIS OUTFIT!

IT'S SIMPLE! I DECIDED TO GO TO THE COSTUME BALL AND SURPRISE YOU! AND SINCE YOU WENT AS 'BATMAN AND ROBIN' I THOUGHT IT FITTING TO GO ALONG AS THE "JOKER"! IT WAS TO BE MY JOKE ON YOU!



I FOLLOWED YOU, OF COURSE! AND GOOD THING I DID! IMAGINE YOU TWO BOYS TRYING TO PRETEND TO BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!

BELIEVE ME, AUNT AGATHA-- WE LEARNED THAT AND MORE!

AND HOW!

1 DAYS LATER, AUNT AGATHA'S EVENTFUL VISIT COMES TO AN END AS SHE IS HOMeward BOUND...

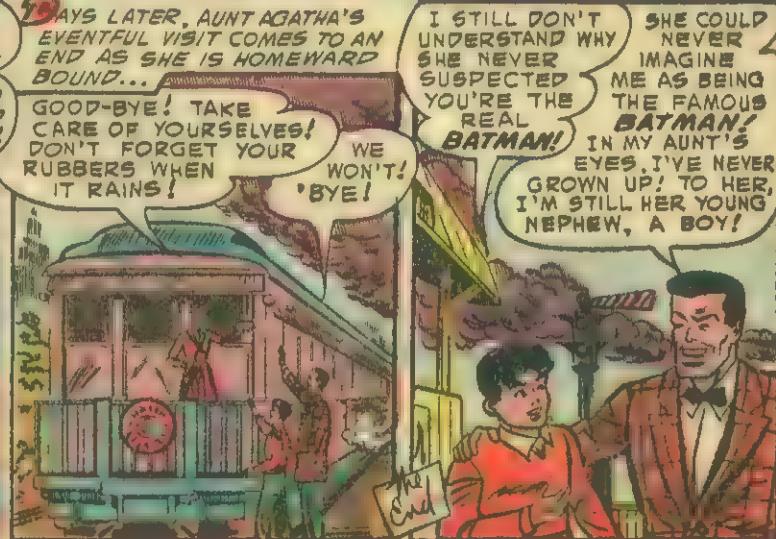
GOOD-BYE! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES! DON'T FORGET YOUR WE RUBBERS WHEN IT RAINS!

WON'T!

'BYE!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN!

SHE COULD NEVER IMAGINE ME AS BEING THE FAMOUS BATMAN! IN MY AUNT'S EYES, I'VE NEVER GROWN UP! TO HER, I'M STILL HER YOUNG NEPHEW, A BOY!



# Binky's Special CHRISTMAS QUIZ

## "Christmas in Many Lands!"

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)



IN WHAT COUNTRY DO THE CHILDREN MAKE AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF WHEAT SHEAVES FOR THE BIRDS?



WHERE DO PEOPLE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY GATHERING AROUND A LIGHTED COMMUNITY TREE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

"BREAKING THE PINATA" IS A CHRISTMAS GAME IN WHICH BLINDFOLDED CHILDREN SMASH A BIZARRE GLASS POT WHICH SPILLS OUT CANDIES AND GOOD-LUCK CHARMS. IN WHAT COUNTRY IS IT PLAYED?



IN WHAT COUNTRY IS A CHRISTMAS CEREMONY PERFORMED IN WHICH THE MOTHER CLUCKS LIKE A HEN AND HER CHILDREN CHIRP LIKE CHICKENS, WHILE SCATTERING STRAW ON THE FLOOR OF THEIR HOME?



WHERE IS IT THE CUSTOM FOR CHILDREN TO FILL WOODEN SHOES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WITH TIDBITS FOR ST. NICK'S WHITE HORSE?



WHERE IS THE CHRISTMAS FIESTA CLIMAXED BY A GAY DANCE CALLED THE *CUECA*, PERFORMED OUTDOORS UNDER A SUMMER SKY BY A COWBOY AND A COUNTRY GIRL?



THE ANSWERS...  
READ UPSIDE DOWN  
1. NORWAY 4. UNITED STATES  
2. MEXICO 5. YUGOSLAVIA  
3. BELGIUM 6. CHILE

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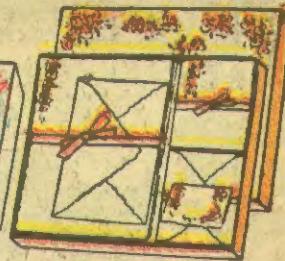
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with YOUR  
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**AFTER**

He Mailed Coupon  
Below is Cleveland

**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon

90 lb.  
Skeleton

He says,  
I gained  
70 lbs.  
of  
mighty  
muscle

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

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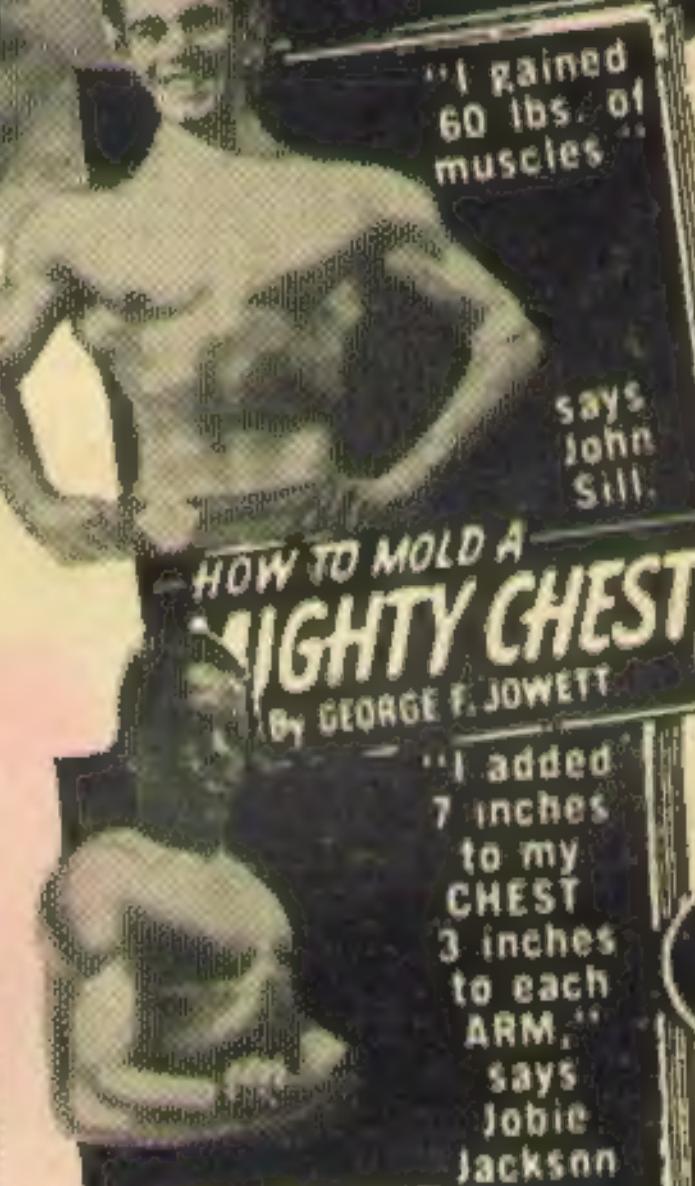
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ALL 5  
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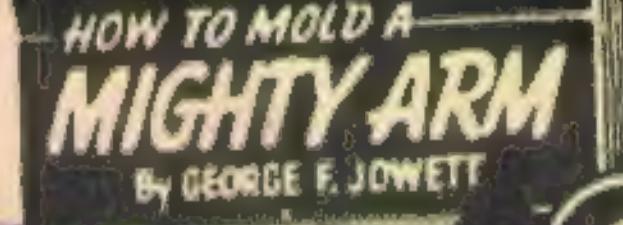


"I'm PROUD to be seen with Jim NOW! Every-body admires his build," says Nellie. "Jim can lift the front of a 2700 lb. car. He amazes his friends!"



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2

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me  
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY  
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did  
and I'll give YOU A NEW HE-MAN BODY  
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME



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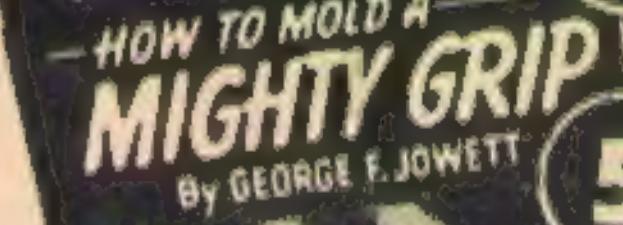
NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby  
you are I'll make you OVER by the  
SAME method I turned myself from a  
wreck to the strongest of the strong.  
Why can't I do for you what I did for  
MANY THOUSANDS of skinny fellows  
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mailed the coupon  
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be as big and strong  
as I am,"  
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4

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